

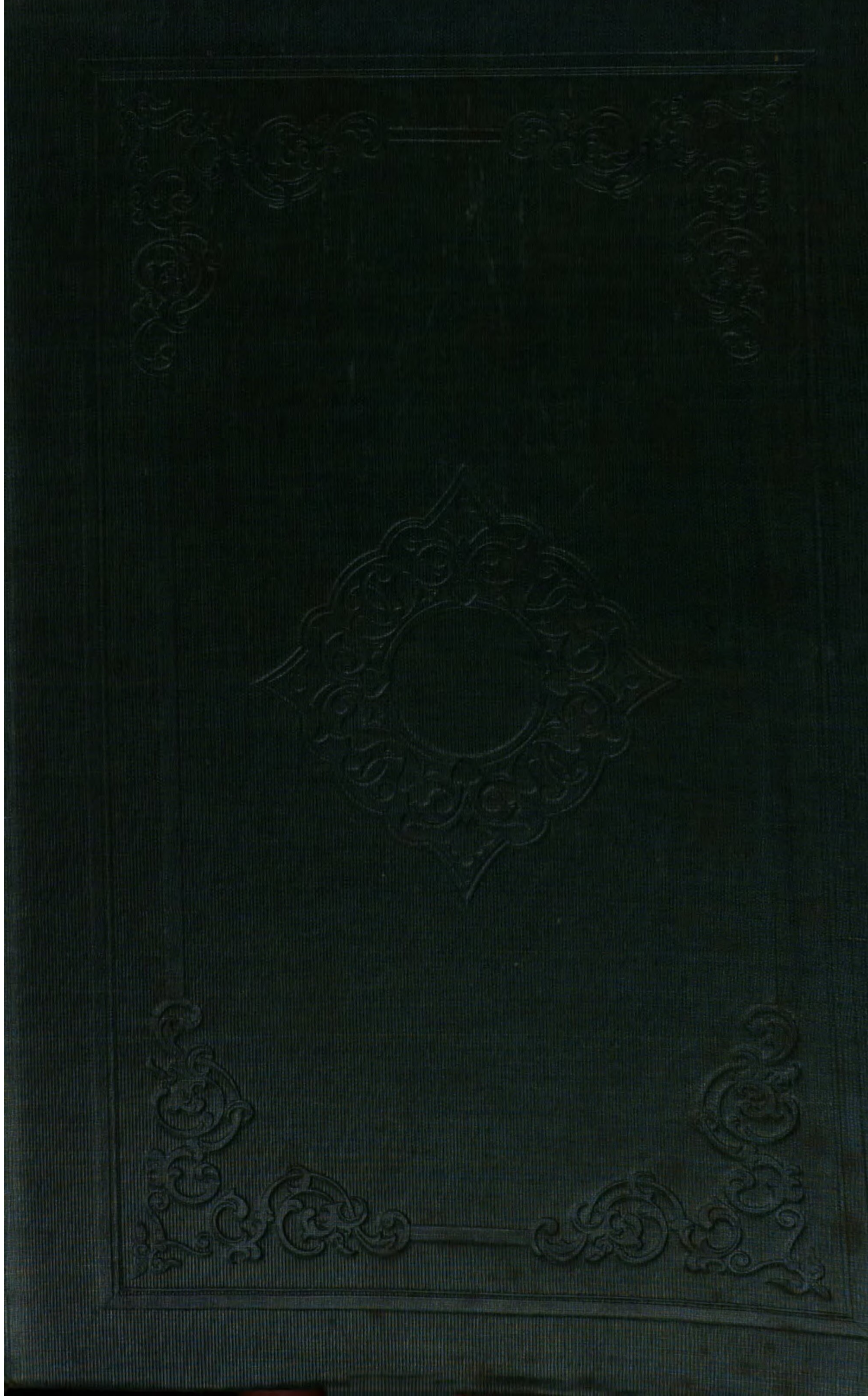
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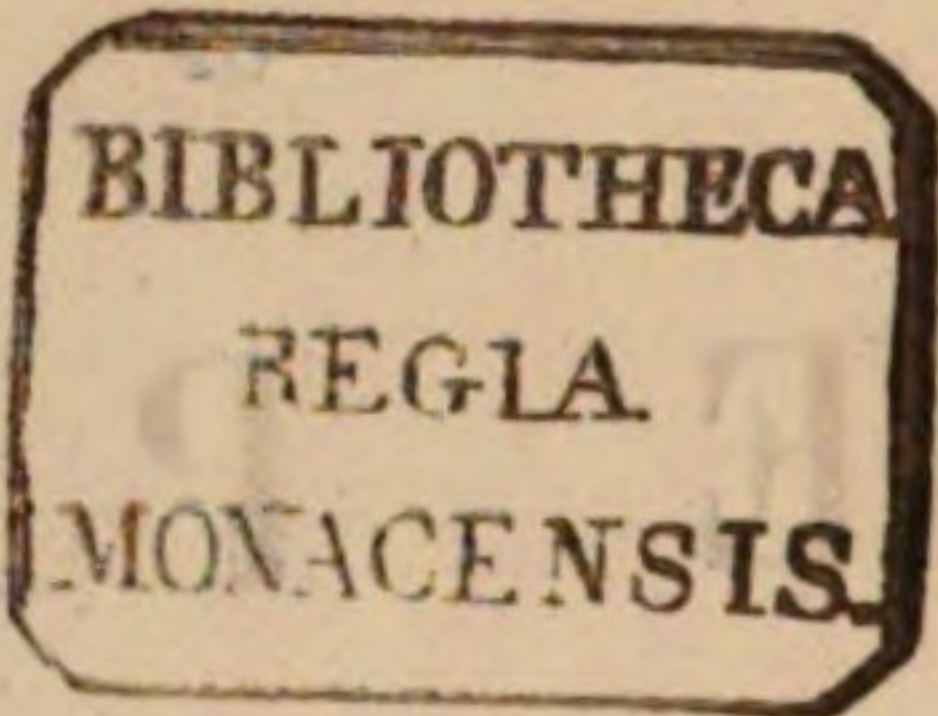
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P R E F A C E .

The Papers comprised in the present volume embrace only a period of eight months, the numerous news-letters addressed to Williamson, as editor of the Gazette, to which allusion was made in the preface to the preceding volume, swelling the papers for the years 1666-1667 considerably beyond the average bulk.

The most important event that occurred during this period was the fire of London, which broke out in Pudding Lane on the night between Saturday and Sunday Sept. 1 and 2, and continued its devastations for four days, until two-thirds of the then London within the walls was reduced to a mass of ruins.

The first paper on the subject, dated September 3rd, is an official list of the five posts, viz., Temple Bar, Clifford's Inn Gardens, Fetter Lane, Shoe Lane, and Bow Lane, at which the constables of the respective parishes were required to attend, with 100 men each; at every post were to be 130 foot soldiers, with a good careful officer and three gentlemen, empowered to give 1s. each to those who were diligent all night; five pounds in bread, cheese, and beer to be allowed to every post; the men to be relieved from the country the next day. Two companies of the trained bands were to guard the goods sent for safety from the burning houses to Lincoln's Inn Fields, Gray's

Inn Fields, Hatton Garden, and St. Giles's Fields, and a chief officer was to go round to see those orders executed.* Three other stations were afterwards added. The gentlemen were punctual in attendance to their duty, but the constables were complained of as being absent, probably because looking after their own burning houses.† John Lord Berkeley, one of the Ordnance Comrs., wrote to Sir Wm. Batten, a Navy Comr., on September 3, entreating the use of all the water engines remaining in store at Deptford and Woolwich, for preservation of the Tower. The Duke of York ordered the justices of peace and deputy lieutenants to summon workmen by break of day on September 4, and to have ready the great hooks for pulling down houses which were kept in some churches and chapels, as it was already found that the only means of stopping the fire was to afford it no fuel.‡ The seasonable orders to pull down houses, in order to secure the powder magazines, stayed it at the very gates of the Tower, so that none of the naval stores were destroyed; by Sept. 6th it was well subdued, though in that evening it burst out again at the Temple; the Duke of York, who, with the King, had exerted himself much during the whole time, watched it in person all night, and extinguished it.§

The nobleman who possessed a stronger hold than any other upon the affections of the people, Monk Duke of Albemarle, was absent from London, commanding the fleet; the King and Council, foreseeing the disasters inseparable from so devastating a calamity, sent to sound him, as to whether he would be willing to return home. On Sept. 4th, Lord Arlington thus addressed Sir Thos.

* Vol. CLXX., Nos. 59, 60, 122.

† Vol. CLXX., Nos. 65, 66.

‡ Vol. CLXX., Nos. 122, 123.

§ Vol. CLXX., Nos. 94, 150.

Clifford, who was with the fleet sent out in expectation of an encounter with the Dutch.*

"A fire began Sunday at one o'clock in the morning, in Pudding Lane, and hath burned since both ways, towards the Tower and towards Westminster, and likewise as far into the body of the city as Paul's, with such a violence that no art or pains can meddle with it; all our hopes are now, under God, in cutting off a part of the town along by Holborn Bridge, and so down to Bridewell, to see whether we can save this. I leave you to judge what a distraction this misfortune puts us into, whereof the consequences are yet more terrible to us, by the disorders that are likely to follow. For these considerations, His Majesty, by the unanimous concurrence of his Council, wishes my Lord General were here; and yet, not knowing how the resolution of commanding him home would be acceptable to him, hath thought fit to sound his Grace's mind therein, by a letter Mr. Secretary Morice is bid to write to him. If my Lord General could see the condition we are in, I am confident, and so is everybody else, he would think it more honour to be called to this occasion than to be stayed in the fleet, where it is possible he may not have an opportunity of fighting the enemy; but here it is certain he will have it in his hands to give the King his kingdoms a second time, and the world see therein the value the King makes of him. If his Grace admits you to discourse the point with him, you must take pains to enforce it all you can, but still with this reserve and conclusion, that His Majesty leaves him to make his choice himself." †

The Duke obeyed the royal wishes, but the fire was stayed before his return; in his capacity of lord lieutenant of Middlesex he assisted in the subsequent precautions to restore order.‡

The progress of the fire is occasionally traced by the hurried letters that happen to be preserved among the State Papers. James Hickes, senior clerk of the post office, writes on September 3rd, that Sir Philip Frowde had fled at midnight on the 2nd from the post office for

* Pepys, in his diary, speaks of the revocation of the Duke of Albe-marle being done in dissimulation, but this letter to a person much in

confidence at Court does not corroborate such a supposition.

† Vol. CLXX., No. 94.

‡ Entry Book 17, p. 202.

safety; he himself stayed till 1 a.m., when his wife and children's patience could endure no longer, and fearing lest the streets would soon be blocked up, he escaped to the Golden Lion in Red Cross Street.

On the 4th, at 2 a.m., another writer says that he has escaped from the Temple, with little more than the skin of his teeth, to the house of Lord Lyonberg, the Swedish resident, in Covent Garden, where a great part of his books was to be brought till he could get a cart to proceed, but that at the Temple neither boat, barge, cart nor coach was to be had; all the streets were full of goods, and the fire flaming into the very Temple. Lord Lyonberg himself begs a warrant from Lord Arlington to press four waggons to carry his goods, beginning to feel insecure in Covent Garden.*

The eagerness to obtain any mode of conveyance for goods was such that 4*l.* a load for a carter or 10*s.* a day for a porter was considered small wages. A private letter, dated September 6, which was printed amongst others on the subject addressed to citizens of York,† details that "on Sunday burned all Thames Street; on Monday the bridge was set on fire, and but for great care and precaution, it would have brake into Southwark, but by Providence escaped; on Tuesday Lombard Street, Cannon Street, Gratia Street, and all those parts were in flames; on Wednesday the post house, Cornhill, Exchange, and all those parts were burning; on Thursday Cheapside, Doctors' Commons, Ludgate, Newgate, and all those parts were burning; on Thursday night the battlements of

* Vol. CLXX., Nos. 61, 95.

† In a loose sheet, headed "London's lamentation, or its destruction by a consuming fire, began Sept. 1, 1666; being an abstract of its be-

ginning and unavoidable continuance on that most famous and magnificent City, and on part of the Suburbs." Vol. CLXX., No. 121.

Paul's were burning; Fleet Street, Sue Lane, Hatton Garden, and part of Chancery Lane were burning. There is but Leadenhall Street, Aldgate, and Bishopsgate Street, that hath escaped it."

Second in importance to the steps needful for quenching the fire were those taken to prevent disorders, and to supply the destitute inhabitants with shelter and food. For the former object the militia were called out, not only in Middlesex and Surrey but in Kent and Hertfordshire, and marched to the city; for the latter, the neighbouring justices of peace and deputy lieutenants were exhorted to forward the bringing in of supplies of provisions, lest the want of food should add to the general calamity. Markets were held in Bishopsgate Street, Tower Hill, Smithfield, and Leadenhall Street, the former markets having been burned down. Vigorous efforts were made to put down pilfering, to persuade or compel the inhabitants of the suburbs to receive the distressed fugitives, and to elicit charity for the numerous houseless poor; an appeal for a general collection on their behalf through the country was authorized, and readily responded to.*

Of the destruction of private property and stock-in-trade, 13,000 houses having perished, of the consequent distress, and the multiplied calamities accruing therefrom, we have striking evidence. The danger resulting from the condition of the ruined and desolate streets is forcibly described. One correspondent writes, three months after the fire, that †—

"There are many people found murdered and carried into the vaults amongst the ruins, as three last night, as I hear, and it is

* Vols. CLXX., Nos. 96, 97, 126, | CLXXII., No. 44. Proc. Coll.,
127; CLXXI., Nos. 49, 77, 136; | Charles II., pp. 229-232.
† Vol. CLXXXI., No. 76.

supposed by hasty fellows that cry ‘Do you want light?’ and carry links; and that, when they catch a man single, whip into a vault with him, knock him down, strip them from top to toe, blow out their links, and leave the persons for dead; and an apothecary’s man in Southwark, coming into Fenchurch Street, being so served and being left for dead, when these villains had done, struck fire with a tinder box which they took out of their pockets, lighted their links and away, and by glimpse of their lights, as the story goes, the man perceived a dead body lying by him in the said vault. When the murderers were gone, the young man made shift to get out, from whom this relation is spread, and a woman dead in the vault was found. For want of good watches, no person dare, after the close of the evening, pass the streets amongst the ruins.”

Next came the question how the fire originated; the despair of the people sought some object on which to vent their fury; but that object varied with the character of the individual.

The French and Dutch were naturally suspected, so much so that foreigners were hardly considered safe in London. The Catholics, the Anabaptists, and other disaffected persons, and even the English Court, fell in for their share of suspicion as having caused the fire; whilst the “fanatics,” so called, believed it to be God’s judgment on English barbarity in burning the islands of Vlie and Schelling, or on the national sins in general.

A Quaker near Windsor reported himself to have heard a miraculous voice saying, “they have had the pestilence and fire and other calamities, and yet are not amended, but a worse plague has yet to come on them and the nation.”*

An examination of the papers will show how wild and vague and contradictory were the current reports; investigations were made, but the only person condemned was a Frenchman, who was pertinacious in his assertions that he had fired the city, and took his keeper to

* Vol. CLXXX., No. 41.

the house which he affirmed himself to have fired, and which proved to be the very house where the fire broke out. He was executed at Tyburn, though denying at the gallows the facts which he had previously stated.* The conviction of the government, deliberately made and announced, was "that notwithstanding that many examinations have been taken, with great care, by the lords of the Council and His Majesty's ministers, yet nothing hath been yet found to argue it to have been other than the hand of God upon us, a great wind, and the season so very dry."†

The popular excitement refused to be thus satisfied. Some scapegoat must be found to bear the blame of so unprecedented a disaster. Without shadow of proof, the Catholics were fixed upon; the House of Commons petitioned for and obtained the banishment of priests and Jesuits, the enforcing of the laws against Papists, and the disarming of all who refused the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.‡ They also passed a vote that all the members of the House should receive the Lord's supper, on penalty of being taken into custody. The day of Gunpowder treason afforded an opportunity for those of the clergy who were so disposed, to inveigh against the Papists, and to argue that they still retained the same principles as formerly,§ and rumours of Popish plots were rife;|| Sir Geoffry Shakerley, governor of Chester Castle, writes that "the most intelligent judge them to be the old Presbyterian design revived, to disturb the peace of the kingdom once more through the Papists' sides; and I could heartily wish,"

* Vol. CLXXV., No. 111.

† Vol. CLXXIII., No. 132.

‡ Vol. CLXXVI., No. 45, and
Vol. CLXXVII., Nos. 6, 40.

§ Vol. CLXXVII., No. 80.

|| Vol. CLXXIII., No. 126; Vol.
CLXXVII., No. 107; Vol.
CLXXVIII., No. 166.

he adds, "the same penal laws were put in execution against all that will not take the Oath of Supremacy, that pretend so much against Popery."* Another writer in a similar tone says, "I heartily wish that this new zeal enkindled against the Papists stirred not so greatly amongst us that the rabble of other Nonconformists escape by the light of it, and grow warm by the heat of that flame to which (some think) they have added no small increase, by their declarations and other acts of insinuation."†

Other Nonconformists did not, however, altogether escape the severity of the laws. The following letter bears witness to the extremity of suffering for conscience' sake, which was unhappily too frequent.‡

"Oh King!

"In humility of heart, and in the fear of t[he Lord], I here present and lay before thee the illegal and unreasonable proceedings that I have met withal in this place, whe[re I] have been a prisoner above two years and eight months, for no other cause than waiting on God, and keeping the com[man]ds of Christ Jesus. And therefore I have drawn up a brief and certain information of some part of my sufferings, and the illegal proceedings of such as have made their little fingers above ninefold heavier than the penalties of thy laws, oh King! which I hope is contrary to thy mind and pleasure, and that, upon serious perusal hereof, thou wilt give judgment according to equity and truth, by breaking the bonds of oppression, and setting the innocent free, &c.

"This may inform the King that I came to this town to visit my friend and countryman that had been a prisoner here above two whole years, with whom I stayed but one night, and had a full purpose to have passed forth of this county the next day; in order whereunto I travelled seven miles that morning, and then stayed at a friend's house, intending in a short time to have passed on my journey. But so it was that, (some more being there also), in the interim, I was apprehended (being a stranger) and sent unto this prison,

* Vol. CLXXVIII., No. 103.

† Vol. CLXX., No. 58.

‡ Vol. CLXXXIX., No. 2.

under pretence of being at an unlawful meeting. And after some-time imprisonment, I was sent for before some in commission to do justice, (not into the open general sessions, but) into a chamber at an inn, where none was permitted to come save those they sent for; no, not the prisoners' wives. And having no matter of fact to charge against me, altogether waived that for which at first they pretended to commit me, and asked me if I would take the Oath of Allegiance; unto which I answered, that I was a stranger in their country, and came thither only to visit my friend as aforesaid, which I looked upon to be no breach of law, but rather a duty, both of Christianity and humanity, and that I intended to have passed forth of their county that very day on which I was taken prisoner, if I had not been stayed; and therefore I then desired that I might be acquitted, if they had nothing criminal to lay to my charge, and that they would not seek to insnare me afresh, and so to detain me. But as to that oath, I told them that I had been a prisoner in the county where I lived upon that account, and that the King's judge of assize, in open court, did accept of the words or promise of above a hundred of us instead of the oath, and that I was bound in conscience to live peaceably, and to perform my word and promise as firmly as those that swore should perform their oaths, and much more to this effect. Yet they, not regarding what was said in that behalf, caused me to be taken away and returned back to prison, where I have been kept prisoner above two years since that day.

"And now, at this last assizes held here the 6th of August 1666, I and some others, laying our long-continued sufferings before the King's judges, we was had forth before the one of them, unto whom I laid open the unreasonable proceedings that I had met withal in this place, and how long I had been kept a prisoner for visiting my friend as abovesaid. Whereunto he answered, that the sessions had indicted me for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance, and had entered a judgment of *præmunire*, and he could not revoke it (or to this purpose); unto which I replied, that no such thing could be legally done, for that I never heard their indictment against me read, (if there be any), and so could not put in a plea in answer to it; neither was I ever convicted for not going to church, &c., according to the tenor of that Act (an. 3 Jacobi); nor did I ever see or hear of any jury called forth or empannelled to be tried by, neither was there such sentence pronounced against me in their open general sessions,

that ever I heard or know of; but if any such things was done, they was done in private as to me, and therefore I did believe they was null and void in law. Yet nevertheless he said that it was not in his power to reverse it, but that I might petition the King for remedy in that case, &c.

“ And, therefore, oh King ! I here present these things before thee, desiring thee wouldst weigh them in an equal balance, and judge according to equity and truth, whether this proceeding to indict and sentence any of thy native subjects, not in open court before the country, without reading of the indictment to the party indicted, or granting the liberty of a trial by a jury of 12 men, be equal and just, or altogether irregular, and contrary to the tenor of the law itself. (See Mag. Chart., 5 Ed. 3., 28 Ed. 3.) And the judgment that's entered, as it was returned in the calendar of prisoners, (which is all I have seen of it), runs thus, viz., that I and 13 more by name are to be kept prisoners in the common gaol during their lives.

“ And now I appeal to the King, if this be not contrary to the tenor of the said Act, to commit any to prison during their lives, (upon that account), without any restriction or regard had to the King's pleasure; and whether it do not tend to the infringing of the King's power given by the Act, and to the taking away his royal prerogative to release at his pleasure, I leave it to the King to judge. And further, I desire that the King would consider if this be not contrary to the tenor of that Act made against meetings, &c. (an. 13 and 14 of thy reign, oh King !), wherein it is enacted that, for want of payment of such fine imposed for being at such meeting, or denying to swear at all, the person shall be committed to prison (the first time) for the space of three months.

“ Now I verily believe that it's very well known unto the King that our denying to swear is not upon any Popish account, but only in obedience to Christ's command recorded Mat., v. 34 ; James, v. 12. And that we do in our hearts (and are ready to) deny the Pope, his power and supremacy upon all accounts whatsoever; and therefore to keep me in prison during life, (and the rest of my friends), by an Act made against Popish recusants, I hope will appear to the King to be altogether unreasonable and improper, being I am no Popish recusant, nor an adherer thereunto; neither was I committed upon that account, but pretensively for being at an unlawful meeting, upon the last-mentioned Act, the penalty whereof for meeting, and also for denying to swear, in the extent of it

(the first time as aforesaid), is three months' imprisonment; but I have been kept prisoner here above three times three months, and yet I know not any end thereof.

"In which time of imprisonment great hath been the cruelty inflicted upon me, (and others of my friends here,) by being thronged up in stinking rooms, and sometimes in one room above 20 of us, where we could not all lie down at once, and no straw allowed us to lie upon, except we would pay 2s. 6d. for one bolting, which was sold to the felons for 2d., and no manner of victuals allowed to be brought to us, except we would pay 6d. for one penny loaf of bread, and as much for a quart of milk, and 3d. for a quart of water, &c., which unreasonable rates we was not willing to pay; and our friends and relations was not only kept from us, but what they brought to minister to our necessities was taken from them and given to other prisoners, and this was continued for four or five days together at one time, insomuch that moderate people in the town, (although not of our judgment), hearing of this cruelty inflicted upon us, were stirred up in tenderness to throw bread over a house top into the dungeon court, for our present relief, to the frustrating of the expectation of our cruel oppressors. Our bed clothes also, and other goods and necessities was taken away from us and locked up by the gaoler, and me and others he struck with his staff and naked fauchion, and several times hath chained me with fetters to another man, and locked me to a post, and many more inhuman and seldom heard of cruelties and incivilities hath he inflicted upon me and others of my friends (and all this for serving the Lord and of keeping Christ's command).

"And yet, nevertheless, I do not hereby seek revenge against him, nor the worst of my persecutors, but rather that they may repent and turn to the Lord, that He may forgive them. Only it's upon my heart at this time to spread it before the King, that he may not be altogether ignorant of the multiplied sufferings and cruelties inflicted upon many honest, innocent, and peaceable subjects, and that for no evil doing, as aforesaid. And this the rather am I induced to lay before thee, because I have taken notice of thy indulgence, oh King! held forth in a late declaration touching the protection of the French and Dutch that shall come hither to inhabit and live peaceably, &c. By this I hope it may be gathered that it is not thy mind and pleasure that any of thy native subjects which do live peaceably should be despoiled, both in persons and estates, by a perpetual imprisonment, and that

without a legal trial, which is granted to felons, murderers, and the worst of malefactors.

“And now, oh King!, if it be thy mind and pleasure that the indulgence holden forth to aliens and foreigners should be extended to the native and peaceable subjects of thy dominion, (who seeks the peace, welfare, and prosperity both of thee and thy kingdoms), and if it be not in the King’s heart to countenance such irregular, illegal, and unreasonable proceedings, oh let it be made manifest, by giving forth an order under thy royal hand and signet, not only for my release, but also for the enlargement of the rest of my friends who suffer for conscience’ sake; and that from henceforth we may live an holy and peaceable life under thy government, labouring honestly in our callings and employments, that we may have wherewithal to maintain ourselves, families, and children, and to pay the taxes and dues which shall be charged upon us, in all things approving ourselves as men of peace, truth, and uprightness, both towards thee and towards all men, in all godliness, sobriety, and honesty, which will be an honour unto thee, oh King! and tend to bring a blessing upon this kingdom; which that it may so be is the fervent desire and supplication of him that wishes thy eternal welfare, and remains,

A prisoner for righteousness’ sake, in the common
gaol of Warwick, called (a Quaker), by name

HENRY JACKSON, younger.

“The truth of this information (if any should question it) may be verified and made good by the testimonies of about 20 witnesses, who are prisoners with me, and partakers in the sufferings above mentioned for conscience’ sake. And why should so many honest men thus be made a prey of, (who might do much good in their generations,) concerning whose peaceable lives and blameless conversations I verily believe the King is fully persuaded in his own heart; and therefore, oh King! let the nobility of thy royal word (to Richard Hubberthorne unto whom the [King said] that our promise should [be taken] instead of the oath, &c., and that he had the word of a [King upon] it, &c.) and mind be fully performed and made good, by breaking the bonds of oppression, and setting the innocent free throughout all thy dominions, that the Lord God Almighty may be on thy side, and the hearts of such as truly fear Him towards thee.”

The endorsement of this letter bears date September 3, 1666. On November 14 following, Sir Thos. Tyrell, justice

of the Common Pleas, who had been on the circuit, records that the 13 prisoners named have been in Warwick gaol since the Lent assizes of 1664, and cannot be delivered except by His Majesty's pardon.* On November 18th, Jackson makes a long and earnest appeal to Lord Arlington, and sends him a list of 22 Quakers, prisoners in the gaol for life, some of whom have been there five years, and of seven more fined 30 marks for waiting upon God, and sent till payment to prison, where they have been two years and five months.† No record of their release appears.

On the other hand, the occasional leniency of government towards the Quakers was complained of by those who desired the rigid enforcement of the laws, because it was shown, not by abrogating the severer laws, but by conniving at their non-performance; this rendered it difficult for local authorities to know how to proceed. A correspondent writing to Williamson from Kendal, September 16, 1666, says ‡ :—

“ I perceive by several Quakers' letters, (which I this day opened,) that they are very glad that George Fox is set at liberty, and hope great things from him at his arrival at London. His discharge will (I fear) much discourage the justices in Lancashire and this county to act anything against the Quakers. They clearly intimate in their letters no sorrow for the late burning down so many steeple houses (as they call them) in all the city, and methinks they begin now to write more boldly than formerly. I need not tell you how our Lancashire gentry are fallen all in pieces (the Papists stomaching that some of their houses should have been searched for arms), since I am told that there hath been addresses made (by both parties) to His Majesty and Council.”

The details of the rising in Scotland of 1666 are given at some length in letters from Robert Mein, postmaster at Edinburgh, to Williamson, as well as in the letters of

* Vol. CLXXVIII., No. 57.

† Vol. CLXXI., No. 129.

‡ Vol. CLXXVIII., No. 115.

other northern correspondents. They are also elucidated by official documents. The originating cause was the proclamation issued at Edinburgh, on 11th October 1666, to enforce the subsisting but ill-executed laws against Papists and other Nonconformists, and disaffected persons. Masters of families were made responsible for their households, and landlords for their tenants, that they should attend the church, and abstain from conventicles, on penalty of dismissal by the former, and of being denounced to the horn by the latter; magistrates of boroughs were made similarly answerable for the inhabitants.*

To carry out these orders, Sir James Turner was sent into the West with a body of soldiers, and he enforced the new mandates with a rigour that brought upon him the deadliest hatred of the sufferers. On 15th November, a party of from 120 to 200 men from the neighbouring parishes, all except two of the lower orders, came to Dumfries early in the morning, seized Sir James in bed, and carried him, without clothes, first to the Tolbooth and then to Maxwell, committing no violence, and declaring they only sought vengeance against the tyrant who had laid waste their families; they seized also the minister of Dumfries, who had been the accomplice of Sir James. This done, they quietly dispersed, leaving 20 men to guard the offender.† The government, eager to revenge the affront, raised 2,000 foot and 2,500 horse, which, under the guidance of the Earl of Annandale and Lieut.-General Dalziel, marched at once into Galloway, for the rescue of Sir James. The fanatics, as they were usually designated, assembled their forces, being in number variously estimated at from 2,000 to 4,000 men; they are described as “a rude undigested rabble”; a few

* Vol. CLXXV., No. 78. I.

| † Vol. CLXXVIII., Nos. 67, 102.

had horses, swords, and pistols, but they were chiefly armed with scythes, made straight and fixed upon long staves, or with clubs, and had little but their strong religious enthusiasm to sustain them in the combat with armed and disciplined troops.* Their leader was James Wallace, whom they surnamed “the good man;” most of their captains were deposed ministers, and their party cry was for King and Covenant, and down with the bishops.†

The tidings of the rising were at once dispatched to London, and found the King at a ball; no time was lost; the Earl of Rothes, Lord Commissioner of Scotland, was immediately sent northwards, and the Earl of Carlisle, Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland and Westmoreland, was instructed to return to his lieutenancy. He was to take with him such of his militia officers as were in town, to draw together troops in his lieutenancy and in Northumberland, which were ordered to be supplied with arms, when needful, and with ammunition, from Carlisle, Tynemouth, and Berwick, and to hold them in readiness to march, on orders from the Earl of Rothes.‡ The general tumult was increased by the appearance in Leith harbour of a small fleet of ships, which some said were English, others Dutch, sent to aid the rebels, and consequently the bailies planted on the citadel some guns which they borrowed from ships in the river, and provided a vessel ready to be sunk, to prevent the entrance of fire-ships.§

The army which went against the rebels was estimated at 3,000 foot and 3,000 horse, commanded by the Duke of Hamilton, Earl Annandale, and Lieut.-General Dalziel.||

* Vol. CLXXVIII., Nos. 155, 156.

† Vol. CLXXIX., Nos. 9, 35.

‡ Vol. CLXXIX., Nos. 24, 26.

§ Vol. CLXXIX., No. 35.

|| Vol. CLXXIX., No. 41.

They looked upon the contest seriously. Their adversaries were resolute, and the sympathies of the people so strongly in their favour that, if they succeeded in maintaining their ground awhile, persons of influence were sure to join them, especially as they declared also for liberty of conscience and freedom from taxes.* Their policy was to avoid actual collision with the army sent to oppose them, and to seize horses and arms wherever they could. By cutting down bridges and burning boats behind them, they managed to avoid pursuit, and to approach within a few miles of Edinburgh, where they hoped for the sympathy of the inhabitants. By the vigilance of the Lord Provost, And. Ramsay, and of the Council, which sat from 7 a.m. till midnight, all possible precautions were taken. No less than 2,000 of the citizens took arms against them, and hearing this, they were obliged to retire. They retreated towards the Pentland hills, and there encountered the forces sent to oppose them. They had the advantage of position, for General Dalziel had to lead his troops up a steep hill to the attack; his men were faint and weary, having marched 20 and 24 miles a day for eight days, with only such scanty remnants of food as their opponents had left. Twice they were repulsed, but the third attack proved successful; 500 of the rebels were left dead on the field, many more were taken prisoners, and the rest sought safety in flight.†

There follow many painful details of vengeance and execution. If confessions under torture, or with the fear of torture, are to be relied on, the chief leaders, Alex. Robertson, Col. Jas. Wallace, and Major Learmont, had exasperated their followers by assuring them that Dalziel was coming to hang every man at his own door who had been absent

* Vol. CLXXIX., No. 58, 69, 70. | † Vol. CLXXIX., Nos. 104-107.

from church for a year, and that 100 had already been so hanged at Glasgow. He had further deluded them by assurances that the country was generally in their favour; that Edinburgh Castle was gained, and the Lord Provost their friend; that there would be a general rising in one day, in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and that they would not have to fight, but God would arise and scatter their enemies before them.* Sixteen of the ring-leaders were executed at Edinburgh, and four at Glasgow, all dying with firmness, adhering to their hatred to episcopacy, laying their blood at the door of the prelates only, and praying fervently for the King, and for the removal of wicked men from about the throne. Their heads and right hands were affixed in prominent places, in those towns most suspected of disaffection. Many, especially in the West of Scotland, were saved by the sympathy of the common people, who sheltered them, though at the peril of their own lives.† By the end of December, the Lord Commissioner had returned to Edinburgh, the rebels being entirely subdued, and “having paid well, both in life and estate, for their late mad attempt.”‡

A few details of the private life of Joseph Williamson, afterwards Secretary of State, are deserving of notice. In August 1666, he presented to Queen's College, Oxford,—the college in which he had been educated, and which in later years owed so much to his munificence,—a silver trumpet, with two pairs of banners; they were very gratefully received, and the Provost, Dr. Thos. Barlow, assured him that his gift of the trumpet “is most welcome,

* Vol. CLXXX., Nos. 76, 110. | 131 ; and Vol. CLXXXII., Nos. 75,
 † Vol. CLXXXI., Nos. 39, 55, | 98.
 ‡ Vol. CLXXXIII., No. 18.

not only for its cost and curiosity, but for its congruity to them, who by statute are to be called to dinner with a trumpet; though fitter for him to give than for a poor college to receive, to call them to a mess of pottage and twopenny commons." He adds that it shall be used on all solemn days, but at other times their old brass trumpet will serve the turn. A grand feast was held at its inauguration. Williamson sent them a buck from Woodstock, Lady Foster of Aldermaston another; the trumpet sounded long in the quadrangle, wine was drunk throughout the hall, and venison pasties were at every table.*

Williamson's gift seems to have had a motive. He had been engaged in a long contest with the college for the right of retaining possession of his rooms during his protracted non-residence, and making a benefit of them by letting them, and he threatened that, if refused, he would "take it undecently, by ways that he would be unwilling to recur to." Dr. Barlow submitted his letter to the college, when it was decided that he should retain his name in the books, his place in chapel, his commons in the hall, and his vote in college business when there, receive his salary punctually, and have his chamber when he chose to reside, but not else, as then all the fellows below him could have a better chamber.†

The same grasping spirit in smaller things threatened to interfere with the success of his periodical, the Gazette. Its distribution was chiefly intrusted to women called the book-women, and the previous manager had conciliated these persons by a present of 20s. each, inviting them to Hornsey to dinner, providing coaches for them there and back, and giving them a quire of books monthly and 5s. each

* Vol. CLXVII., No. 167, and
Vol. CLXVIII., No. 1.

† Vol. CLXXII., No. 10.

quarterly. Now, though it was known that Williamson had larger profits from the work, as he printed 18 reams of the Gazettes, his agents gave the distributors only 10s. a quarter amongst them;* Hickes, his post office agent, several times commended these women to his generosity, one in particular, Mrs. Andrews, who sold the largest number, indeed almost a third of the whole stock, and who lost all she had, except the clothes on her back, in the great fire. The fire also caused much inconvenience by compelling the removal of the printer, Mr. Newcome, to a distance, and to an unhealthy situation in an offensive churchyard.†

Williamson was extremely desirous to become a member of Parliament, but neither his official connection with Lord Arlington, nor his high character as a man of business, sufficed to prevent repeated disappointments. In September 1666, he was a candidate for Morpeth, and the Earl of Carlisle wrote a letter to the burgesses in his favour, but as the other candidate was the Earl's own son, Lord Morpeth, they probably thought that non-compliance with the written request would not offend, and they elected the latter, pleading in excuse that they were obliged to choose Lord Morpeth, in gratitude for his assuming the town's name as his title of honour, although he was under age.‡

Lord Arlington wrote to the Earl of Derby to have Williamson returned for Preston, and he was depicted to the corporation in glowing colours, as "a man of learning and incomparable goodness, who may do signal service to

* Vol. CLXVI., No. 142.

† Vol. CLXXIV., No. 155.; Vol. CLXXVIII., No. 10.

‡ Vol. CLXXII., No. 115; Vol. CLXXIII., Nos. 51, 58, 59; Vol. CLXXV., No. 30; Vol. CLXXX., No. 7.

the place he represents, the county, and the kingdom, one who loves honour and justice, will plead the cause of the distressed, and scorns to put a price upon his favours ;” but the corporation asserted their independence by adhering to Vice-Chancellor Otway, to whom they had previously pledged their adhesion.*

He was next proposed for the town of Dartmouth, and for awhile had a fair prospect of success, although there was a previous candidate in the field, Sir John Colleton, recommended by the Dukes of York and Albemarle, and by the Duchess of York ; Sir John, being a merchant, was thought better able to understand the business of the corporation ; he was, moreover, related to several of the magistrates, and well known in the town, and therefore was a formidable rival, and as he could not be induced to resign, Williamson’s friends wished to find out that he had favoured the unpopular tax of the hearth or chimney money, which they knew would be a serious damage to him, or at least that he had been in the Canary Company.†

A third candidate started up in Sir Walter Young, a gentleman of the county, highly recommended by Sec. Morice and others, and supported by most of the eastern deputy lieutenants of the county, by the gentry near, and by several persons in London and at Court.‡ After a wonderful amount of cajoling and tergiversation, related in detail in the papers quoted, and a vain attempt to defeat Sir Walter Young by a combination of the other two candidates, Sir Walter was chosen, and Williamson a third time disappointed.§

* Vol. CLXXXVIII., Nos. 112, 113.

† Vol. CLXXXIII., Nos. 37, 44 ; Vol. CLXXXVIII., Nos. 22, 28-31, 97, 98, 108.

‡ Vol. CLXXXVIII., Nos. 48, 65, 87-90, 106-111, 154.

§ Vol. LXXXIX., Nos. 79, 80.

In the present volume we come into contact with an eccentric female, one of the earliest of English poetesses and novelists, but the character of whose writings is a reproach to her womanhood, and a disgrace even to the licentious age in which she lived—Aphara Behn.

This lady, in August 1666, undertook a secret and semi-official journey to Antwerp, in order, by her intimacy with William Scott (son of Thos. Scott the regicide) and others of the English fugitives resident in Holland, to obtain information about their movements, and those of their sympathizers in England, and also about those of the Dutch themselves.* The two agents with whom she corresponded were Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, and James Walsall, cupbearer. She left England in August 1666; found Scott willing to undertake the office of intelligencer, but fearful of Bamfield, who was considered the head of the exiled English at the Hague, and who exercised careful vigilance over their actions. She details several interviews with him, conducted with the utmost caution.

“Here is a man in town now,” she writes, “whose name is Corney, who hearing Celadon [Scott] was here, (for my Lord Stafford sent him word of it,) came to find him, and, as it happened, he was gone; however he is still in town, in hope he will come again to me, and he swears he will kill him, so that for that reason I durst not suffer him now to come into town; but he is now without the town, and I am fain to borrow money to go to him, and to get coach, and to order it so as none may know, for he is most wonderful fearful of being suspected; and surely if Bamfield knew of his coming, he would doubtless accuse him of certain treachery to them. Celadon is afraid to have anything go in his own hand, and therefore will for the future make me write all, whom I hope you may confide in. This Mr. Corney is a strange kind of prating fellow; if you employ him, as he talks full big

* Vol. CLXVII., No. 160.

of, I fear his tongue will undo all his will would perform; he makes as if he were His Majesty's right hand, but I fear he is not to be employed because of that talking quality, so that I never heard such a rhodomontade in all my life."*

Scott was anxious for his pardon, and willing to earn it by betraying the confidence of others. Mrs. Behn pleads for some assurance of favour, and for money for him, and still more urgently for supplies for her own wants, beyond the 50*l.* which she brought with her. Several of her letters mention intestine commotions in Holland, as do the letters of Scott addressed to her; also that the Dutch have a design, which they carefully conceal, of landing in England, with the help of the English fanatics;† and that they boast that the English fleet has gone in, and dared not engage them;‡ but no trace has been found in these letters to verify the statement of her biographers, that through her agency, the design of the Dutch against the ships in the Medway was first communicated to the English government. She returned to England in December 1666.

Several instances of extraordinary natural phenomena occur among the news letters: *e. g.*, a singular fish caught in the Tweed; a mis-shapen child born in Coventry; and a lamb born without a head, which nevertheless lived some time.§

A meteor was seen at Coventry in October, which flew directly over the city from east to west; the head as big as a bowl, "exceeding bright and splendid; from it streamed a bright fiery tail, appearing about a yard and a half or two yards long, which seemed to wriggle and wave as it went, and after it followed a very long stream of blue; its motion was swift but very low, being judged

* Vol. CLXIX., No. 118.

† Vol. CLXXII., No. 81 *ll.*

‡ Vol. CLXXIII., No. 4.

§ Vol. CXCI., No. 86.

to have been not so high as the spires of our steeples.”* On October 13, 1666, occurred in Lincolnshire “the most strangest whirlwind or earthquake, or both, that was ever heard of;” at Welbourn hardly any even of the stone houses were left standing; trees were plucked up by the roots, a church spire blown down, &c.; it caused such terror that people thought the world was at an end. About the same time, at Denton near Grantham, was a prodigious storm of hail, some stones three inches long, some like darts, bearded arrows, and other strange shapes.† A lover of the marvellous also records that at Lady Hungerford’s house, Cosham, near Chippenham, in a room that was made very clean and shut up at night, there was found in the morning a picture of Lady Hungerford, drawn in colours on the floor to the life. She would not have it rubbed out, and seemed to slight it, but has since fallen into a hectic fever.‡

A writer from Harwich mentions that a mighty eagle alighted on the ropehouse on the Green, her wings 7 feet long, and one claw 9 inches long; that she seemed to have come from some far country, and to have been extremely weary, for she did not budge at the first shot made at her, but was killed by the second.§ At Yarmouth, the herring fishery was so abundant in 1666 that “12 herrings a penny filled many a hungry belly.”||

Amongst incidental subjects on which information may be gleaned from the following papers, we may note the general want of money, ¶ one development of which was

* Vol. CLXXIV., No. 109.

† Vol. CLXXV., Nos. 45, 163.

‡ Vol. CLXVII., No. 23.

§ Vol. CLXXV., No. 120.

|| Vol. CLXXIV., No. 129.

¶ Vol. CLXVII., No. 164; Vol. CLXVIII., No. 12.

such abuse in the payment of seamen's wages by tickets, that a fourth or sometimes a third of the amount due had to be sacrificed to obtain cash for the remainder;* also the disturbances arising in the collection of the unpopular hearth or chimney money tax.†

The papers of literary interest are few; several by John Heydon relating to the Rosie-crucian philosophy, and two on the Dutch war, are the principal; to these may be added a political disquisition by the second Duke of Buckingham, drawing a contrast between Cromwell and Charles II.,‡ and a casual notice of Prince Rupert's scientific labours. He had been under surgical treatment, and trepanning the skull had been found necessary, but the operation was only partially successful, and had to be repeated. The report then was that "His Highness Prince Rupert gets good sleep, though but by intervals, and gives himself often divertisements in his workhouse, where, among other curiosities, he hath made an instrument that the surgeons make use of in dressing him, and they say with more ease and greater satisfaction than any other they formerly practised with." §

The progress of the war with France and Holland may be gradually traced, but the only important action was the attack upon the islands of Vlie and Schelling, by a detachment of the English fleet under Sir Rob. Holmes, in which not only was much damage done to the land, but a fleet of valuable merchant vessels was destroyed by fire. ||

* Vol. CLXXXI., No. 76; Vol. CLXXXVII., No. 136.

† Vol. CLXXX., Nos. 88, 127; Vol. CLXXXI., No. 15.

‡ Vol. CLXXXVII., Nos. 176-186.

§ Vol. CXCII., No. 42.

|| Vol. CLXVI., No. 146; Vol. CLXVII., Nos. 1, 42-48, 69, 75-78, 118.

Later comes the partial dismissal of the fleet, the negotiations for the treaty at Breda, and an important letter from the Duke of York to the Navy Comrs., dated March 25, 1667, as follows* :—

“Gentlemen,

“Having lately directed that the safety of His Majesty’s ships in the river of Medway should be taken into consideration upon the place, by some persons sent down to that purpose, upon the report which they have since made, I desire you to give order that the Unity may have 20 seamen added to the 40 already allowed, and that, besides the Dolphin fire-ship already about Sheerness, one other of the first ready (except those appointed for the West Indies) may be sent thither, and two other to lie within the chain at Chatham, to be ready for any occasion ; that the Unity, Dolphin fire-ship, and the two ketches now attending there, may be forthwith cleaned ; that each ship and the ketches may have sheer-hooks, grapnels, and chains furnished them, with each a good pinnace with ten oars, with a small grapnel and chain. This is what I have at present to direct you for Sheerness. As for the upper part of the river of Medway, I desire you to take care that all His Majesty’s ships may be moored in the safest places you can, especially the first and second-rate ships, and that, besides the completing the chain for their further security, the ship Charles V. and Matthias may be moored within the chain, in such manner as that upon occasion they may bring their broadsides to bear upon the chain, and that a competent number of seamen may be allowed to be borne on them ; that 30 good pinnaces, well fitted with oars, grapnels, and chains, may be provided in readiness. I desire you to give order for the discharging of the men from all other of His Majesty’s prize ships not already fitted and ordered to sea, and that for the better manning the fleet intended to the West Indies, the men discharged from them may be put on board such ships bound thither as shall be found to want them ; amongst the ships whose men are to be discharged, I reckon the Sophia, which I mention particularly, lest her having been lately fitted for the sea might cause you to mistake, as on the other hand I would not have the

* Vol. CXCV., No. 15.

Elias stopped, in regard I am informed she saileth well, and may be fit for service abroad.

“ I am, your affectionate friend,

“ Whitehall, 25th March, 1667.

JAMES.”

This letter shows consciousness of the danger of throwing down arms in treating with an armed enemy, and a foreboding of the humiliation brought upon the kingdom by the destruction of the ships in the Medway by the Dutch, which will form a prominent feature in the succeeding volume.

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DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES II.

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Aug. 1. 1. John Knight to Williamson. Will give him the news of the
West Cowes, island weekly, as requested. Tidings of the fleet's victory are daily
Isle of Wight. hoped for, and would cause great rejoicings.

Aug. 1. 2. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends letters; finds Sir
Jeremiah Smith has lost more honor than ever he got; God forgive
him his sin, and send him his just reward.

Aug. 1. 3. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Particulars of an attack made
Falmouth. on an English privateer on the French coast, in which she took a
French shallop, but on her way home, she met off Mount's Bay the
Patriarch from Bristol, who pressed most of her men, and the French
prisoners also. A French man-of-war chased two Falmouth vessels,
which escaped, took the Scilly packet boat and a collier, and at-
tempted the Eagle and Guernsey, but failed; the latter picked up a
small vessel derelict, bound from Liverpool to Plymouth, seemingly
taken by this man-of-war, and left. Cpts. Manning and Hall
have brought in several prizes; they report that De Beaufort is
daily expected at Belle Isle, where provisions of all sorts are sent
for his use. Notices of other ships. [2 pages.]

Aug. 1. 4. Thos. Holden to Jas Hickes. To the same effect. [2 pages.]

Aug. 1. 5. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Particulars of ships passing.
Alcborough. Capt. Jas. Saunders of the Breda, who behaved very gallantly, is
brought wounded ashore; fears much for him.

Aug. 1. 6. Dr. Jas. Alban Ghibbes to [Lord Arlington]. Sends him a
Rome. panegyric ode, echoing from the seven hills as in Io triumphe, for
the late victory over the Dutch; lauds the King, to whom he
wishes it presented, and his lordship to whose prudent administra-
tion much of the success is owing; it is part of a work dedicated to
him. Is known to all the English nobles and gentlemen who have

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visited Rome for 24 years back, and his lordship may remember him at his being at Rome. *Encloses,*

6. 1. *Three Latin odes, by Jas. Alban Ghibbes, the first addressed to Joseph Kent, his host at Rome, on the naval victory over the Dutch by the Duke of York in 1665; the second to Charles II., on the victory by Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, June 1666; and the third also to the King, congratulatory on a third victory in July; with a dedication to Lord Arlington. [Printed, 12 pages.]*

Aug. 1.
The Lily,
Harwich.

7. Thos. Langley to Williamson. Has come in from the fleet which is five or six leagues from the Maes, with two prizes. Heard a skipper of Rotterdam say that Admiral Evertsen is dead, that the admiral of the Friesland has lost his leg, that Vice-Admiral Banckaert is thought to be drowned, and that De Ruyter has lost 180 men; their ships are much disabled, and they have many killed or wounded.

Aug. 1.
Yarmouth.

8. Rich. Bower to Williamson. One of two ketches come in from the fleet reports the Dutch to have lost ten ships, the English only the Resolution; the other reports only three Dutch taken, by Sir Thos. Allin, Sir Thos. Teddeman, and Capt. Roberts. Capt. Utbert is turned out of his command, and sent home in the Royal Charles, and Capt. Fras. Saunders of Yarmouth is made commander of the Rupert; the fleet has gone northward, to fall in with 400 fisher busses, convoyed by eight men-of-war. Has seized some shot and other stores fit for the use of ships.

Aug. 1.
Norwich.

9. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The sickness has got into many country towns near Norwich, as Long Stratton, Sucklingham, &c. The King's waggon has come to Norwich for money. Capt. Utbert is sent from the Rupert into a ketch of three guns. De Ruyter's ship, the Seven Provinces, is sunk, and his escape is not known. Not one parish in Norwich is clear of the sickness. A Dutch privateer was taken, after a fight of eight hours, and sent to Newcastle.

Aug. 1.
Weymouth.

10. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for letters; wonders at the enclosure of a week's gazette in Mr. Williamson's letter.

Aug. 1.
Dover.

11. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The fleet has sailed northwards; Capt. Utbert and several others are turned out for cowardice; four of the King's ships are in the Narrows, coming from the West for the fleet. Has tired out and dismissed the first master and men from the intelligence boat, and has got others who do not "fear their flesh to serve the King;" would have gone to the fleet for particulars of the whole engagement, but is hindered by passing over Dutch prisoners; the sickness is much at Boulogne, very sad at Deal, and of late has broken out much at Dover. The castle fired

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their guns last night, and made a great bonfire and bell ringing, but none in the town has done so as yet.

Aug. 1.
Yarmouth.

12. Thos. Constantine to Williamson. Can gain no news of the fleet, though he rode to Southwold on purpose, but a small vessel, just come in for fresh victuals for the generals, reports that the fleet is lying off the Texel, and intends to keep that coast some time; 39 wounded men are brought in; can hear nothing but contradictory reports of the engagement.

Aug. 1.

13. Mrs. Hall to M. L. To-morrow is a great day of humiliation in 16 places [in London]. Names of the seven houses where meetings are to be held. Cannot tell what persons will be there till the return of a man who has gone to Lady Lorkin's near Theobald's, and who lodges at a minister's house in Aldermanbury. The least suspicious way would be for his honour to send some one to take informations from her at her own house. [1½ pages.]
Annexing,

13. I. *List by Mrs. Hall of nine persons present when the treason was spoken. There were many more whose names and houses she hopes to find, and also to effect what she promised about the "precious man."*

Aug. 1.

14. G. Copley to Lord Arlington. Will use his best skill to effect his lordship's commands, but some time must elapse; will hasten home and hunt as secretly as possible for the man, who is above 20 miles distant; knows not yet by whom to get intelligence.

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15. Several addresses where "the unknown gentleman, *alias* the precious man," may be found; with notes that the conspirators, 1,800 in number, have received five of the sacraments they are to take to confirm their resolutions, and are preparing poignards the size of a knife, &c. [1½ pp.]

Aug. 1.
Castle Cornet,
Guernsey.

16. Fras. Cartwright to Williamson. Sailed from Weymouth in the Nonsuch, and intended to return in the Paradox, but that vessel and two others are sent to the coast of Bretagne, where there are some hopes of doing good. Begs him to take Sir Wm. Clarke's place in giving him an account of occurrences.

Aug. 1.
Golden Grove.

17. Earl of Carbery to Williamson. Thanks for conveyance of his cousin Progers' letters. Would be glad to hear from him weekly, as others in Wales do. Begs him to remind Lord Arlington of his letters which were to be communicated to King and Council. Has commissioned several chief gentlemen in South Wales, on their own desire, to raise and arm four volunteer troops of horse, two of 100, and two of 60, and doubts not soon to make a full regiment, under command of his son Vaughan. The militia forces are in good posture.

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Aug. 1.
Hull.

18. Luke Whittington to James Hicke. Arrival of ships. A French vessel has brought over some English men; knows not where they are landed, nor what goods the vessel is to load. No news of the fleet, but that there has been great shooting; hopes a happy victory.

Aug. 1.
Vicuallling
Office,
London.

19. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Begs that some general course be taken concerning the victuals provided by Mr. Clutterbuck, [Adm. Paper.] Encloses,

19. I. Thos. Clutterbuck to Denis Gauden. Performed his contract punctually by providing all things necessary by the end of March, but as no ships have yet appeared, does not think it reasonable that the loss should fall upon him, and begs reimbursement; trade is so dead that little or no money can be found by exchange on the best bills that offer; uses all care in preserving the provisions, keeping two mariners on purpose to look after them; this is attended with great expense for warehouse room, double portorage, &c., beside the loss and waste of the victuals; could have disposed of some to certain merchant ships at a fair price, but dared not do so without orders; the Dutch fill their ports with the noise of a great victory they have obtained; the news is easily digested and believed by the people; "he that has the first good fleet in the Straits will be cried up as victor." [3 pages.] Leghorn, July 19, 1666.

Aug. 2.
Bristol,

20. Iseburn Holland to the Navy Comrs. Has given Fras. Baylie a certificate of the survey of the St. Patrick, and of the last payment due by contract; begs allowance for the loss of 10 days' time, in visiting the St. Patrick twice, since his discharge as surveyor. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 2.
The St. George.

21. Note by John Pitt of provisions wanted on board the St. George for completing her supply until October, she having furnished all she could spare to the Royal Catherine, by order of Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 2.

22. J. Pearse to Thos. Hayter. Requests that bills may be sent to Surgeons' Hall for the appointment of surgeons to 13 ships named. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 2.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

23. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has agreed for 100 dozen of ash oars at 24s. per cwt., to be paid on delivery of every 25 dozen; there is a great abatement in the plague, but fever and agues abound; particulars of yarn, hemp, and cordage tendered. [Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.]

23. I. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. The remainder of Mr. Coles' parcel of plank shall be cut to full four inches, as directed. August 2, 1666.

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- Aug. 2. 24. Capt. John Waterworth to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has arrived
The Dunkirk. near Harwich. Comr. Taylor cannot supply a mainmast; expects
Mr. Deane on board to survey the defects of the ship; complains
of his men being taken away; had eight guns disabled thereby in
the late engagement. Wants victuals for 280 men, which are his
allowance, instead of 260. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 2. 25. Capt. John Strachan and Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs.
Edinburgh. Particulars of a bargain of hemp. Wish for some credits on gold-
smiths or merchants in London; will never draw more than is
really necessary. Dimensions of masts, oak plank, &c., tendered.
As to the prices of transport, a run upon some ships, by the mer-
chants of Newcastle, has made others dear; must buy according to
the penny's worth. With note of compliment to the Navy Comrs.
severally, by Capt. Strachan. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]
- Aug. 2. 26. Capt. Sam. Martin to Sam. Pepys. The late commander,
The East India Capt. Wm. Martin, died in the bed of honour during the last
London. expedition, coming up with and attacking the Vice-Admiral of
Zealand, as being in the rear of the Blue squadron; 18 or 20 rounds
had been fired when the doctor and his mate were wounded; the cap-
tain losing his hand up to the elbow by a shot, was forced to be dis-
membered by a common soldier, and no man being capable of giving
directions to stop the blood, he bled to death; 13 men were killed and
23 wounded; was obliged to call all hands aloft to trim the sails in
the midst of the engagement, and the lieutenant was forced to bear
away. The captain was buried at Aldborough, and Wm. Houlding
appointed captain. The ship is in an indifferent condition and
wants men. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 2. 27. John Bower to James Hikes. The coast is still troubled
Bridlington. with Dutch and French vessels. Has heard of the fleet's victory,
but longs for particulars. The London colliers are still in Tyne-
mouth haven, and dare not venture forth without convoy.
- Aug. 2. 28. Jo. Man to Williamson. All is quiet, ready to oppose the
Swansea. least attempt of the enemy, and full of expectation of the good
success of the fleet.
- Aug. 2. 29. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Knows not how he should
Harwich. address Lord Arlington, but will obey orders if he find any news
worth the writing. Wishes his commission for prizes for the
Caribbee Islands could be retrieved. Attended Lord Ashley's
command for further instructions, after fitting himself long for the
voyage. Hears not from his brother Sill; hopes he is not in
the weekly bill. Has begun to bestow Williamson's charity.
Annexing,
29. I. News letter [from Silas Taylor]. Can only hear of 5
Dutch men-of-war lost. Evertsen is reported dead. The
Hollanders have ordered all their carpenters to Middle-
burg to refit their fleet; they report 11 of their East

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India fleet safe home. The Sorlings and Nightingale are sent from the fleet, to convoy 16 or 17 Gottenburg ships that have long lain at Harwich, and another fleet bound for Hamburg. The Dover and Dunkirk have come in to be refitted; the captains have behaved like gentlemen. Van Tromp got away from the Blue squadron, and when he had interposed a sand bank between it and himself, vaingloriously put up his bloody flag. Many sick and wounded and prisoners are brought on shore. The foot companies pester the town, though they are very civil. The squadron which engaged with the Blue was Tromp's squadron, not the Zealand squadron, as generally supposed. The latter was the headmost, and engaged with Sir Thos. Allin.
Harwich, Aug. 2, 1666.

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30. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has sent a vessel on purpose with the letters which were to be hastened to the generals; if packets are not of quick concernment, begs not to be hastened, but will send them the first opportunity.

Aug. 2.
London.

31. Lettice Peachman to Williamson. Begs him to entertain as servant her son, bred as a scholar, but unable to go further without help; he has a good character, is a grown man, and wants employment very much.

Aug. 2.
Post Office,
London.

32. Warrant from Sir Phil. Frowde to the postmasters on the Essex road, to furnish M. De Touche with a sufficient horse and guide to ride to Harwich.

Aug. 2.
Languard Point
Fort.

33. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The fleet is 90 sail of good fighting frigates, lying before Flushing; 8 frigates in the Rolling Grounds and 2 near Ousley Bay are making speed to be refitted for sea. The Royal Charles is gone to Chatham to refit. The Loyal London is with the fleet, but much shattered. The wounded men are all sent ashore, and prisoners hourly expected.

Aug. 2.
Southwold.

34. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. The wounded men from the Royal Charles and Fairfax have been set ashore. Particulars of vessels come in. Sir Thos. Allin's lady is in Southwold, hoping to see him, and entreats news of him, having heard that he is wounded; she asks where the rendezvous will be; it is reported to be Southwold Bay. Sir Rob. Brook says letters should be sent to the justices, to keep strict watch to prevent seamen escaping; thinks a few lines in the Gazette would do the business.

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35. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. Lord Colepeper's company will be ready to be mustered in the Isle of Wight on the 18th; has received no establishment for it, and without order from the King or Lord General, his instructions are not to muster. When the Duke of Albemarle was there, always had notice when commissions were issued, and was advised with as to the time of mustering, but had no notice of these levies till they were due. [1½ pages.]

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Aug. 2. 36. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Eagle and Guernsey
 Truro. have brought in a derelict vessel, and have gone to sea, on a report of two French pickeroons having taken two small vessels off the Lizard. Sir John Arundel's troop is to rendezvous at St. Colombe; the foot have all passed muster, so that now they are in a posture to defend themselves.

Aug. 2. 37. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. Thanks for the Gazettes and
 Harwich. account of the victory. Two prizes are just brought in from the fleet. Is full of business, sending off recruits to the fleet.

Aug. 2. 38. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Thinks the north-east wind pre-
 Dover. vents the fleets going northward. The coward seamen first employed in the shallop begin to be afraid, because they deserted her. Only one person died in Deal yesterday, and none in Dover the last two days, but deaths increase at Sandwich.

Aug. 3. 39. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Is desired by Lord Delamere
 Rydal. to secure George Walker, of Kendal, an information against whom was transmitted to Council; has sent an order for his committal to gaol, and those that took him were to search for fanatic letters and papers, but they found none worth note. Walker was a kind of Quaker, but much employed by most sorts of Recusants. He is a likely man for an intelligencer, and was long in custody about Capt. Atkinson's plot, but there was not evidence enough to send him to Appleby with the rest. Hears reports of an engagement. Wishes the Dutch reduced from their late "Hogen Mogen" to their former "poor and distressed States." [1½ pages.]

Aug. 3. Warrant to Lord Herbert, of Ragland, to deliver as many of the
 Dutch prisoners now in Chepstow Castle as shall be desired by the Commissioners for the sick and wounded. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 107.*]

Aug. 3. Warrant to Sir Thos. Clarges to take on the 18th instant the first
 musters of a company of 100 foot, levied under command of Lord Colepeper, in the Isle of Wight. [*Ent. Books 23, p. 107; and 20, p. 133a.*]

Aug. 3. 40. Draft of the above.

Aug. 3. Commission for Fras. Newton to be quartermaster to the Earl of
 Northampton's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 131a.*]

Aug. 3. Commissions for Robt. Heron to be quartermaster, and Robt.
 Broyden chaplain, to the Earl of Cleveland's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 133a.*]

Aug. 3. 41. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. The Princess, which left
 Southwold. the fleet at 4 p.m. on the 2nd, says they were north-west of Gravesend, plying to windward, the wind north-east by north. They were 68 good fighting ships, 15 or 16 small frigates, and other vessels attendant; 39 Dutch prisoners are to be set ashore.

Aug. 3. 42. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The colliers have been long
 Newcastle. waiting a convoy, which will be very welcome. A gentleman of

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Lord Crawford's of Scotland has brought the good news of the defeat of the Hollanders, and the bells have been ringing all day. This is a great fair day, and both English and Scotch nobility and gentry purpose to buy horses. The Earl of Carlisle's troop has come to Morpeth.

Aug. 3. 43. Rich. Forster to James Hicke. Wishes continuance of his
Newcastle. Saturday news till the differences be over. Has not once failed to write to Mr. Williamson three times a week. John Levare promises to send him some novelty.

Aug. 3. 44. Row. Davies to Williamson. Is ordered by Major Rich. Dut-
Cardiff. ton, comptroller of the port, to give the news. Capt. Rob. Morgan, of Col. Sydney's regiment, is there, beating drums for volunteers; many have enlisted, and his company will soon be complete.

Aug. 3. 45. Wm. Symons to James Hicke. Sir John Ware's troop are
Bridgewater. drawn off from Dorchester to Sherborne.

Aug. 3. 46. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The fisher boats bring news
Whitby. that the Holland busses and doggers are fishing a little off the topping of land. Hopes soon to hear that the fleet has conquered, and then these and the pickeroons will vanish. Much shooting at sea was heard yesterday. Hopes some of the fleet may be engaged with the convoy of the Dutch fishers.

Aug. 3. 47. Sir J. Crosland to Williamson. Asks how affairs go; few
Scarborough. ships are stirring on the sea; reminds him of Lord Arlington's order about John Joplin; there is not a fitter man in England, and if he do not answer expectation, it is but calling in his security.

Aug. 3. 48. John Clarke to James Hicke. The Guinea, Virginia, and
Plymouth. Barbadoes fleets are still there; cannons, bells, and bonfires speak in an extraordinary manner of the joy for the late success against the Dutch.

Aug. 3. 49. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect; with a French
Plymouth. of note compliment from Charles, brother of Laurence Dibusty.

Aug. 3. 50. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Mr. Dallett of Rye has written
Dover. to clear himself, if he can; no news from the shallop; thinks it is gone for the fleet; asks what to do with the men who first went in her, and afterwards would not obey orders.

Aug. 3. 51. Petition of [Alderman] Thos. Lewis, merchant of London, to the King and Council, for such help as the laws of nations allow; had 173 tons of currants laden into the Advice at Zante for London, besides a share in 64 tons more, and is owner of one-eighth of the ship, which was seized by the French in November 1665, before any declaration of war; has used all lawful measures to procure restitution, but failed; is thereby damaged 1,500*l*. *Annexing,*

51. I. *Examination of James Bunckerd and Barth. Cole, both sailors of Stepney parish, John Pugh, gentleman, of East Smithfield, Edw. Badgent, grocer of St. John's parish, and Thos.*

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Langham, fishmonger of St. Dunstan's parish, London, substantiating the above account and detailing particulars of the seizure of the vessel by two French ships under command of the Duke of Beaufort, near Tunis, whence it was taken to Toulon, the goods detained, and the ship fitted out as a French man-of-war. Endorsed "read in Council, 3 Aug. 1666: nothing done." [14 pages.]

Aug. 3. 52. P. Manaton to Williamson. All are rejoicing for the good
Custom House, news; scarce believes the news from Ireland that 10,000 tories are
Barnstaple. in arms; 10 vessels from Ireland, laden with sheep, have arrived
lately.

Aug. 3. 53. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Mermaid has come in from
Walmer. Ireland, and brought in a salt prize.

Aug. 3. 54. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Thanks for his letters.
Hull. Has written to tell Mr. Hicke that nothing transpires worth
notice.

Aug. 3. 55. Jo. Smith to Williamson. It is reported that De Ruyter is
Margate. slain, and the people in Holland in great discontent. Has written to
request Stephens, deputy searcher at Rochester, and well acquainted
with all that passes that way, to correspond with Williamson.
Margate keeps free from infection.

Aug. 3. 56. D. G[rosse] to [Williamson]. The news of the glorious vic-
Plymouth. tory was welcomed at Plymouth with ringing of bells, firing of all
the guns in the fort, island, and ships in the harbour, "all the
new fort street covered with bonfires, and all other the greatest
demonstrations of joy that ever was seen in this place." The
Guinea fleet has sailed, but the Barbadoes ships wait a fair wind for
London.

Aug. 3. 57. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. Several ships that came into
Pembroke. the harbour report very good news; hopes it may be true, but is
confident only of what he hears from him.

Aug. 3. 58. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 3. 59. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. The delay in delivering
Victualling provisions on board the George ketch was occasioned by the master
Office, refusing to sign for them, because they were to be disposed of by
London. Edw. Swain, lieutenant of the Defiance, on which the vessel waits.
Unless some effectual course be taken to prevent such occurrences,
the King's service must suffer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Aug. 4.] Commissions for Major Marsh to be captain in the Earl of
Cleveland's regiment of horse, Henry Compton, lieutenant, and
—— Browne, cornet. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 142.*]

Aug. 4. Commissions for Rich. Broyden to be chaplain and Robt. Heron,
quartermaster. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, pp. 142, 133a.*]

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- Aug. 4. 60. Thos. Browne to the Navy Comrs. Has the opportunity of
Weymouth. shipping himself as first mate on board a St. Malo vessel now in
port, and wants orders about the disposal of the goods remaining
there. The best means of getting canvas over will be by sending a
Swedish vessel and men, under pretence of trading with Sweden,
with feigned certificates and bills of lading. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 4. 61. Capt. John Strachan to Sam. Pepys. Promises to serve the
Edinburgh. King in the cheapest and easiest way, if a present stock of money
may be had; 15 capers are ready to sail and 10 more making
ready, for now is the time that Danes, Swedes, and other
counterfeits are making their voyages to France, Portugal, and
Spain with all sorts of goods. Asks an order for the seizure from
prize vessels of any goods useful for the navy. [*Adm. Paper,*
1½ pages.]
- Aug. 4? 62. Petition of Charles Gringand, late secretary to Sir George
Downing in Holland, to the King, for a reversion of one of the
Searcher's places of the Customs, having failed to obtain the sur-
vivorship of excise, conferred on him in consideration of his late
cruel imprisonment at the Hague.
- Aug. 4? 63. Similar petition, not duplicate.
- Aug. 4. 64. Petition of Chas. Gringand to the King, for some other
grant, in lieu of that of the reversion, after Sam. Jefferies, of the
Surveyorship of Excise, for which he had a warrant, but after it
was engrossed and the fees paid, the place was found to be in the
gift of the Lord Treasurer, and is disposed of to a servant of the
Lord Chancellor.
- Aug. 4. Order on the petition of Jane Whorwood for a hearing of her
Whitehall. case against her husband, and for relief therein, appointing a
hearing of both parties at Whitehall, August 11, by the King in
person, His Majesty wishing a full determination of the difference,
in order to free himself from further importunities in a matter that
has already been so often before him. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 216.*]
- Aug. 4. 65. Sir J. Duncombe to Williamson. Asks news of the arrival in
Tunbridge. Flanders of the billander with Ognate. Is in dismal appre-
hension for his son, knowing nothing all this time of the return of
the yacht that carried him. Requests Williamson to address him at
Dr. Amherst's, Tunbridge.
- Aug. 4. 66. Lord Chancellor Clarendon to Sec. [Moice?]. The King, since
Worcester his restoration, made the elder son of Dr. Peyton, of the Isle of Ely,
House. a loyal man, who had given him deer to restock his parks, a
baronet; as he died without issue, His Majesty has re-granted the
baronetcy to Algernon, the second son; but lest he should die
issueless, it would be well to put the other sons into the patent, the
family being noble, ancient, and worth 3,000*l.* a year in land.
- Aug. 4. 67. Rich. [Forster] to Williamson. The drooping spirits of the
Newcastle. poor workmen in those parts, most of whom are begging their
bread, are much encouraged by the victory over the Dutch. Hopes

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a convoy will soon bring back their late fleet of colliers, and fetch the 200 or 300 now in harbour.

Aug. 4. 68. Willm. Pinhorne to Williamson. Has forwarded by safe
Southampton. hands his late packet to Col. Atkins of Guernsey, and his former packets for Jersey and Guernsey.

Aug. 4. 69. John Bower to James Hicke. Rejoices over the victory, and
Bridlington. hopes for a better one before the return of the fleet. No ships but Dutch and French capers are stirring on the coast.

Aug. 4? 70. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. A Falmouth collier coming
Falmouth. from Wales, and taken by a French pickeroon, was retaken by Capts. Manning and Hall in the Swallow and Panther, which have brought in two French prizes. They report that when riding off Belle Isle, a shallop, with five or six merchants, mistaking them for French, came on board with their wine and plate; the captains helped to drink the wine and let the men go,—such a civility as the French would not have shown in like case. The deputy vice-admiral seizes all French prizes brought in, on pretence that the commissions were only for Dutch, and has stopped both the men-of-war, he that gave them their letters of reprisal being dead.

Aug. 4. 71. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Has been on business into
Chester. Ireland; left all quiet there, and the lord lieutenant ready to draw the established army into camp. On returning, found the country in a singular posture both of offence and defence, waiting the event of the battle at sea, which now fills all hearts with gladness. Has settled a good correspondency in Dublin.

Aug. 4. 72. John Knight to Williamson. Gives the names of three ships
West Cowes. which have sailed for London, under convoy of the Drake.

Aug. 4. 73. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. The Holland ships which
Lyme. got home were much disabled, and had lost half their men. The Hart of Lyme has arrived from Barbadoes, laden with sugars. The judges of the western circuit received the news of the victory from Lyme on Thursday, stopping at a gentleman's house, a mile distant, on purpose.

Aug. 4. 74. Robt. Gray to James Hicke. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Aug. 4. 75. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has used vessels there to
Harwich. expedite his letters to the fleet. The Gottenburg and Hamburg fleets, considerable both for numbers and riches, are ready to depart, the generals having sent convoys for them. Williamson's charity is received with much gratitude by the sick and wounded. The prisoners are sent to their prisons; among them are those from Banckaert's ship, as stout and able men as if they had been culled. The quartermaster reports that, having argued vainly against Banckaert's leaving the ship at such a time, he struck him on the shoulder with a handspike as he was leaping, and made him tumble

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either into the sea or a boat; the prisoners taken were in such terror and consternation that the captain of the Dover, who brought them over, says that in spite of good treatment, several of them, for several days, were continually crying, "quarter! quarter!"
[1½ pages.]

Aug. 4.
Harwich.

76. Silas Taylor to James Hickes. The Oxford and Pearl have come in, the latter bringing in a Hamburger. The fleet lies off Scheveling. The Success and Milford have come into the Rolling Grounds from the West. The Pearl brought an express to Sir Wm. Coventry, which Comr. Taylor has dispatched.

Aug. 4.
York.

77. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Can get no manner of intelligence there except from London. At Whitby great shooting at sea was heard on the 2nd; thinks it part of the fleet that has lit upon the Holland fishery.

Aug. 4.
Chester Castle.

78. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The master of the house in which the conventicle which was disturbed was held was convicted, and paid down his 7*l.* 10*s.*, that being his second conviction. Others are discovered, and some, refusing to swear for fear of making a further discovery, are sent to prison; the meeting was betimes on Sunday morning, and they intended to receive the sacrament. The city swarms with cardinal Nonconformists, and they are so linked into the magistracy by alliance, that it is very difficult to bring them to punishment; only a few attend divine service, and those are absent in the devotions; sad experience proves that these great pretenders to piety and religion, who will not conform to the Prince's ecclesiastical power, only submit to the civil until they have power to refuse it; wishes the laws against them were more severely executed in time; they are the most numerous and wealthy people in these parts. Wants the Lord Mayor's certificate for the liberty of a poor man, as promised by Lord Arlington.

Aug. 4.
Cowes.

79. Thos. Bromhall to Williamson. Sir Ant. Desmarces is greatly abused by Mr. Byrne, whom he employed to buy him a ship; Byrne joined with Frost the seller, in valuing it at three times its worth, and finding he was removed from the command, stole the vessel from the harbour by night, and will rob all he meets, probably in Sir Anthony's name; he must rob or starve, having neither cables, anchors, nor victuals; followed the crew to the Isle of Wight, and procured Lord Colepeper's order to seize them and the vessel, but they escaped to Jersey or Guernsey. The Francis of Dieppe has been similarly seized by Mr. Sadlington, and taken to Looe in Cornwall. Orders should be sent to secure both vessels, and to guard Sir Anthony from Byrne's imputations.

Aug. 4.
Swansea.

80. Ri. Dutton to Williamson. Hears that Mr. Man, collector of that port, is to give him accounts thence; will send them from the rest of the ports; wishes a private cypher, packets being constantly opened by those who have no kindness for the writer.

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Nothing but allegiance and duty could prompt him to such a business, but if some in every country promoted the affair as well as he will, the King would not need to fear his enemies at home, who are too many.

Aug. 4.
Launceston.

81. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Has come in thither from Pendennis for the assizes. Has stopped Cpts. Hall and Manning, according to the Duke of York's orders; they brought in two prizes, and a Falmouth vessel, retaken by them from the French, but it is feared the crew were murdered, as the Frenchmen's hands and clothes were found bloody, and they had not set the men on shore at the Lizard as they pretend; will secure the rogues. The French vapour that De Beaufort has 50 sail besides fire-ships, and intends soon to have at the English. There are great rejoicings for the victory; the judges have arrived.

Aug. 5.
Berwick.

82. Mark Scott to Williamson. Could not write last week, being sent by the mayor to Newcastle and other places on business. A Dutch privateer chased a Newcastle hoy into the Holy Island, and is still cruising thereabouts. The people rejoice in the victory over the Dutch.

Aug. 5.
Plymouth.

83. John Clarke to Williamson. The Paradox has taken a French pickeroon, which fought till out of 60 men only eight or ten were left unwounded. The Virginia and Barbadoes ships wait a wind to carry them to the Downs.

Aug. 5.

84. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 5.
Swansea.

85. Jo. Man to Williamson. Two French privateers cruising about hinder the coal trade. The Glamorganshire volunteer troops have met for the first time, and made a handsome appearance; 80 enlisted themselves under Sir Edw. Mansell, Bart., of Margam, a person of great interest and integrity in those parts, and declared themselves ready to venture all for King and country. Yesterday were the usual ceremonies of rejoicing kept with much solemnity, ringing of bells, bonfires, &c., and its being market day tended much to dispersing the good news. A second victory is hoped for.

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86. Instructions given to Sir Thos. Clifford, returning to the fleet, to be communicated to Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, generals, viz.: to assure them of the King's satisfaction with their conduct in the last happy engagement; to acquaint them with the state of supplies, the condition of ships sent in disabled, the state of the fleet bound for Gottenburg; to consult about that for Hamburg which waits a convoy, as do the vessels ready to come thence with naval provisions, &c.; to tell them of the disadvantages that may arise from their remaining on the Holland coast, many ships being presumed to be too much hurt to bear foul weather or the shock of another engagement, when the Dutch are strengthened with De Beaufort's fleet, and perhaps some ships from Denmark, especially as unless their East India

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and merchant ships come in a few days, they will put into harbour, on notice that their fleet is disabled, and ours waiting them on their coasts; to tell them that the complaint of Sir Jeremy Smith's misbehaviour in the late engagement being so universal, unless he have fully satisfied the generals, he should be brought to trial by court martial, and there purged or condemned, but sentence not executed till further orders; to represent that the fleet will run less risk, more easily refresh and refit itself, sooner join the ships making ready, especially the fire-ships, and receive expected recruits, by returning to the Downs, Sole Bay, or the Isle of Wight, but as, on the other hand, the reputation of the victory will be best maintained by the fleet's continuing on the enemy's coast, the generals are to reflect seriously on these points and decide for themselves whether to stay or return; to recommend them to let His Majesty hear often from them, and especially their resolutions upon these several directions. [3 pages, draft, corrected by Lord Arlington.]

Aug. 5. 87. Acknowledgment by Law. Wright, lieutenant, of the arrival on board the Royal Charles of Arthur Alvey, impressed by John Tooker, by special command of the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 5. 88. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. As it is the Lord
Portsmouth Dockyard. Treasurer's pleasure, will send for the timber with all convenient speed; the plague is abated. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 6. 89. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Can find no mast at Hull
Edwinstow. suitable for the Adam and Eve, and no place there convenient for bringing in timber, without having lighters built on purpose; the shoal places in the Trent are eight feet deep at high water; at Stockwith the depth is 10 or 11 feet; if the timber be taken to Hull, lighters must be built for the purpose; has tried to float some down from Bawtry, but there are not three out of 16 pieces but sink. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 6. 90. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Hopes to be continued in
Bristol. the King's service as long as he is capable; is willing to undertake the fitting a place for making ironwork; it will be no hindrance to the present work; timber formerly carried for 9s. per load is now, since the new Act, but 5s. by King's pay; this, and the backwardness of the justices in prosecuting their warrants, has much hindered the business; has received 660*l.* from Mr. Morgan. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 6. 91. Petition of Edmond Warcup to Lord Arlington, for pardon and restoration, for the sake of his wife and nine small lamenting children; knowing his imprisonment to be just, for imprudently dallying with his lordship's great name, has withstood the wishes of his family to seek for pardon earlier; thinks less of what he is than whence he has fallen, the King having been his sovereign, the Duke his royal master, and his lordship his patron; hopes he will show himself bravely noble, to forgive as well as punish.

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Aug. 6. 92. Petition of the Wives and Widows of 12 Seamen, whose names are subscribed, to the King, for order to the paymaster speedily to pay them the money due to them; are in great distress, their husbands being prisoners, wounded, or dead.

Aug. 6. 93. Petition of Margaret, widow of John Tilly, late master of the John and Robert, to the King, for some means of support, or a reward for the loss of her husband, who went to Lisbon for sweetmeats for the Queen, but was taken on his return, and died in Holland, after nine months' imprisonment. With certificate in favour of the petitioner by Dr. Wm. Clarke, sheriff, and four other inhabitants of Ratcliffe, parish of Stepney, Middlesex.

Aug. 6. Reference to the Navy Comrs. on the petition of Grace Lestle for relief on the loss of her husband, ordering that she be considered as a widow of a person killed in this war. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 216.*]

Aug. 6. 94. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A vessel from Christiana reports that 10 Hollanders laden with deals, &c., left with her on 27 July; that many Hollanders lade and sail from that coast, by Jutland and Heligoland, without convoy. The Hollanders had given strange stories of the former fight, that the English will never be able to fight again, &c. They say in Norway that their King will be 40 men-of-war strong, but they know not when the ships will come out.

Aug. 6. 95. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. The Blackamoor with her convoy is in the Humber, ready to sail the first wind.

Aug. 6. 96. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Speedwell and Little Mary have come in, leaving the fleet within five leagues of the Texel. The captains complain much that Sir Jeremiah Smith did not perform his part as he ought. Capt. Ashby, in Sir Thos. Allin's ketch, has brought in 12 sick men. Conventicles are held frequently and with little care. Told Sir Fras. Compton, commander of the troop there, of one, and he sent his soldiers, but they had to force open the door, and so much time was lost that all got away except six men and 20 or 30 women; the men were carried before the bailiffs, two fined 5*l.* each, and the other four 50*s.*, and so let go.

Aug. 6. 97. Geo. Collins to Williamson. Particulars of prizes taken by Capts. Manning and Hall. They surprised some gentlemen from Bretagne, who say that the French are so afraid of an English invasion that none are exempt from watching, and come on purpose 10 miles out of the country, and that great preparations are making at Belle Isle to receive the Duke of Beaufort. They sent the gentlemen back to shore, not even taking their money.

Aug. 6. 98. John Lysle to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival and West Cowes. departure of vessels. [*1½ pages.*]

Aug. 6. 99. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has heard it declared that only seven of the Zealand squadron escaped Sir Jeremy Smith, and that the other two squadrons were hemmed in by the generals near Truro.

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Goree, and could not possibly escape ; several vessels belonging to that country have been retaken from French pickeroons, but never a man alive. Fears the men have been destroyed by the cruel adversaries, for had they been set on shore, as pretended, they would have come home.

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Dover.

100. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Will pay off the shallop's men as ordered, on their return, and only take the boat when required, in future ; will gain him another correspondent at Rye, if Mr. Dalett fail to write, but it will be difficult to get them at Dunkirk, Calais, or Boulogne. The Lily has taken two Dutch doggers, laden with fish ; 10 died of the plague at Dover yesterday ; is removing a little out of town. Wants a period putting to his accounts, his deputy having waited long, at great charge.

Aug. 6.
Old Jewry,
London.

101. John Frederick and Nath. Herne to Williamson. Send immediately letters just received for him and Mr. Perwich.

Aug. 6.
West Cowes.

102. John Knight to Williamson. The fleet lies upon the Dutch coasts, hoping to meet their East India fleet.

Aug. 6.
Norwich.

103. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The plague spreads very much ; not a parish is clear, and this week's bill will be greater than the last. Begs an account of the fight.

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104. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends [Hen.] Faroe, postmaster of Beckles, with labels and letters, proving his neglect and carelessness. He will justify himself by pretending he waits for Mr. Waynfleet's letters, and blame the postmasters of Saxmundham and Yarmouth, to ease himself who is much more to blame.

Aug. 6.
Weymouth.

105. John Pocock to James Hickes. Capture of prizes by the Nonsuch and Paradox.

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106. Sir Chris. Gyse to Williamson. Is informed that he writes the Gazette ; if so, requests a paper weekly, and will pay what is thought fit. The letters of Muddiman have been discontinued since June 26 ; does not renew them, preferring a letter from Williamson. Goes to-morrow to Bath for a month.

Aug. 6.
Pembroke.

107. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There are shooting and ringing of bells all through the country, at the joyful news of the victory. Three companies have come down to the seacoast ; 120 gentlemen are enlisting volunteers under Sir Erasmus Phillips, Bart. The Martin is convoying three Plymouth ships, fetching corn for the garrison there.

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108. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 6.
Whitehall.

109. Intelligence [for the Gazette] that Council has ordered the dismissal of every fourth man of the troops of militia ordered, on account of the late victory ; also that the King has ordered a day of thanksgiving for the victory, to be observed in London on the 13th, and other parts of England on the 23rd. Notes of vessels in harbour.

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[Aug. 6.]
[Whitehall.]

110. Proclamation, ordering August 14 to be observed in London and Westminster, and August 23 in other places, as a day of thanksgiving for the late victory at sea over the Dutch. [2 sheets.]

Aug. 6. Duplicate of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 224.*]

Aug. 6. 111. Another copy of the above. [*Printed.*]

Aug. 6.
Whitehall.

Proclamation, forbidding the keeping of Bartholomew fair in Smithfield, and Stourbridge fair near Cambridge, for fear of a renewal of the contagion, the violence of which has now ceased. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 225.*]

Aug. 7. The King to the Duke of York. Wishes to encourage the proposal of Lord Hamilton to fit out two men-of-war to serve against the Dutch, and therefore orders him to grant him commissions, without entering the usual bonds required by the Court of Admiralty in granting letters of marque. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 199.*]

[Aug. 7.] 112. Draft of the above.

Aug. 7. Warrant to Ralph Butler to discharge Thomas Teeton. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 107.*]

Aug. 7. Warrant to Thomas Dixon to discharge Henry Faroe, postmaster of Beckles, Suffolk. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 107.*]

Aug. 7. Warrant for a commission appointing Lord Holles one of the
Whitehall. Commissioners of Appeals for Prizes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 224.*]

Aug. 7. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to take into his custody
— Haines, and put him into the dungeon, for seditious words. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 224.*]

Aug. 7. Reference, recommending to the Navy Comrs. the petition of
Whitehall. Eliz. Bonithon, widow, daughter of Thos. Blackston, D.D., whose husband died of his wounds whilst prisoner in Holland. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 217.*]

Aug. 7. 113. Dr. J. Fell to [Williamson]. Sends him a specimen of his young men's poetry, and leaves him to garble the heap. *Encloses,*

113. I-X. *Latin verses on the victories of the English over the Dutch, by Wm. Owen, Owen Meredith, Thos. Heylyn, A. J., and five others not signed.*

Aug. 7. 114. Rob. Yard to Williamson. Left Gravesend on the Castel
Bruges. Rodrigo, with two small frigates and 90 merchantmen, for Ostend, but did not enter the town, the plague being hot. Took boat for Bruges, where Sir Ant. Desmarces has taken great care of him.

Aug. 7. 115. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. There are great outcries in Hol-
Dover. land and Zealand for the loss of 10,000 men killed and wounded. The drums beat daily for fresh men, but few appear; they intend to have another bout. De Ruyter will not go ashore till he has fought

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again. "It is supposed he dare not, for fear the women will pull him in pieces." The Lenox privateer under Capt. Holmes has taken an empty Dutch fly-boat.

Aug. 7.
Edinburgh.

116. Robt. Meine to Williamson. The victory was proclaimed to all the country by great guns from the castle, and the streets were filled with bonfires. Scotland has been much overjoyed, and there was a thanksgiving on Sunday throughout all the kingdom. It is not true that four prizes are brought into Leith, and Capt. Hamilton killed. General Major Drummond and Lieut.-General Dalziel are come into Edinburgh, and officers are appointed both for horse and foot. People want peace with Holland and war with France. The King might have 20,000 volunteers from Scotland.

Aug. 7.
Newcastle.

117. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Particulars of ships in harbour. The coal fleet is still there, and yesterday they had a rejoicing for the victory, guns firing, feasting, drinking healths to the King, Duke of York, and the renowned generals; some dissenting brethren refused to join, on plea that they had no commands from His Majesty. Sends a pass, given a little before the engagement. *Encloses,*

117. 1. *Pass from Michael De Ruyter, Admiral of Holland and West Friezland, for Jacob Van de Wath, with his ship, the St. Martin's, to Newcastle. [Dutch with a translation.]*
The ship Seven United Provinces, at anchor before the River of London, $\frac{18}{28}$ July 1666.

Aug. 7.
Harwich.

118. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Hopes his commission may be found, though it was in Williamson's hands. Will soon have his accounts balanced, except as to the charity, for which Williamson has the prayers and thanks of many poor wounded seamen. It would much ease Harwich if Captain Dorrell's company would quarter in the adjacent villages. Has seen several men who have lost limbs sitting in chairs in the street four or five hours before they can get accommodation. The ships that came in after the fight are almost ready for the fleet.

Aug. 7.
Minehead.

119. John Maurice to James Hicke. There are great rejoicings for the victory. Another victory is wanted, then a lasting peace as the consequence; there are no capers between there and Ireland, and the hearts of the people are much revived. Desires favour for the foot post, who goes above 100 miles for 4s. 6d. a week.

Aug. 7.
Aldborough.

120. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of ships. Captain Martin, the East India London's captain, has been brought in dead, and buried in Aldborough Church, and her lieutenant has come on shore sick. Capt. Saunders of the Breda has died of his wounds, and was buried on Sunday, attended by the bailiffs, his brethren, and the trained bands; he had three volleys of shot, and six great guns between each. Serjeant Knight has been there two days, and has gone for Southwold and Ipswich.

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- Aug. 7. 121. J. Knight to Williamson. In spite of all the pains
Southwold. taken by the Commissioners to quarter the sick and wounded in
places not infected, and the generals promising concurrence, almost
all are sent to Harwich, Ipswich, and London. Lord Cleveland's
troop being intended for Aldborough, and quarters provided for
them, will pester that accommodation and make needless difficulties,
as great numbers of sick men are daily expected from the fleet. Is
going for Ipswich and London. Sir Wm. Doyley begs that South-
wold may be excused from soldiers, who will be as well quartered
in towns adjacent.
- Aug. 7. 122. P. Manaton to Williamson. A Swedish merchant ship in
Barnstaple harbour, the Katherine of Riga, on news of the victory over the
Custom House. Dutch, caused bonfires to be made, and gave a hogshead of wine
to all comers to drink the King's health.
- Aug. 7. 123. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Comrs. Wants two new
The Mary, cables; can procure them at Liverpool under 50s. per cwt. [*Adm.*
Dublin. *Paper.*]
- Aug. 7. 124. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Sailcloth is scarce and
Plymouth. high in price. The Prize Comrs. have received no further order
concerning the deal-board ships; the St. Patrick and Friezland could
spare men to carry them to Portsmouth. Abstract of disbursements
upon seven ships; total, 177*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
124. i. *Note by John Brown, sailmaker, of sail canvas remain-*
ing in the hands of Dan. Parrett and John Kendall.
- Aug. 7. 125. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. The bills for the Marma-
Surgeons' Hall. duke were sent to the company when Mr. Ewered left the ship
upon Wm. Day's appointment; sends another to be signed, for the
carriage of the surgeon's chest. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 7. 126. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. David Bodwin, surgeon of
Surgeons' Hall. the Princess, received free gift and imprest money, April 22, 1666.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 7. 127. Humphrey Pibus to Sir John Mennes. Repairs needed for
Newcastle. the Flying Greyhound. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 7. 128. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will contract
Portsmouth Dockyard. for another 100 dozen of oars. Could have any number by
buying handspikes with them, at 6*s.* per dozen. The plague abates,
but fever and ague abound. Only two are dead in Southampton
of all distempers during a month; "one of them of the sort that
doubtless may be best spared, an old woman of 80 years." [*Adm.*
Paper, 1½ pages.]
- Aug. 8. 129. Capt. Geo. Erwin to [Pepys]. Two of the fire-ships are in
a condition to sail; wants men to carry them to Woolwich. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Aug. 8. 130. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Part of the water cask for the
fleet is now ready; waits for ships to receive it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 8. 131. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Capture of a French
Lyme. pickeroon by the Paradox, and desperate conduct of the captain. Shooting has been heard and vessels seen to the south-east; the Duke of Richmond and Lenox, lord lieutenant of the county, is coming there.
- Aug. 8. 132. Petition of Rob. Aldus, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to William
Earl of Craven. Was committed Aug. 2, for misdemeanors against his lordship and others, but can clear himself; requests liberation, or to come forth with a keeper, so as to give his lordship satisfaction.
- Aug. 8. Order to the Lord Treasurer for a warrant to fell 400 trees in
Whitehall. Aliceholt Forest, co. Hants, for the use of the navy, to be marked by the navy purveyors, aided by the officers of the said forest. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 108.*]
- Aug. 8. 133. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several vessels have come in
Yarmouth. bound for Newcastle, to convoy the colliers for London. The Speedwell and Little Mary are taking in stores to go to the fleet. Begs to have the Monday's Gazette on Thursday, and the Thursday's on Saturday; never receives them till the week after, when they are out of date.
- Aug. 8. 134. L. Rosin to Mr. Durel, near the French Chapel, Savoy.
Windsor Castle. Thanks for his favour in visiting a poor prisoner; asks him to let his sister in Paris know that he is well, but prevented writing to her by reasons which he will tell her afterwards; she is a fearful woman, and should not be made acquainted with his trouble.
- Aug. 8. 135. John Lysle to Williamson. Capture by the Paradox of a
West Cowes. French pickeroon after three hours' fight; the captain, who had sworn to sink or burn rather than yield, was killed; the Paradox had 1 killed and 10 wounded, who are cared for at Dartmouth; 16 French prisoners are sent into Cowes; particulars of other prizes and privateers. [*1½ pages.*]
- Aug. 8. 136. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Truelove, laden with
Falmouth. ammunition, has sailed for London. Capt. Hooker has brought in three prizes.
- Aug. 8. 137. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. above, and as his letter to Hickes of the 4th instant. [*1½ pages.*]
- Aug. 8. 138. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Was last week without
Norwich. news, and therefore without guests; may shut up his doors unless it be on letter days; it is a sad city. Three prizes are sent in to Yarmouth.
- Aug. 8. 139. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. Begs again the
Chester Castle. Lord Mayor's certificate for the poor man in ðurance, and a reminder to the Council to order a speedy supply for the garrison. Sir Roger Mostyn has two great guns, and is willing to exchange them for powder, which is much wanted in North Wales; if they were allowed in part for the garrison, it would save much in carriage; they are in the midst of their assizes.

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Boston.

140. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

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Weymouth Port.

141. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for news, but has none in retaliation.

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142. James Hickes to [Williamson]. His book woman says that Mr. Macock and Mr. Muddiman gave the book women 20s. each, invited them all to Hornsey to dinner, and provided them coaches to take them there and back. Mr. L'Estrange gave them all monthly a quire of books, and quarterly 5s. each, to encourage them in his service. Mr. Newcomb only gave them 10s. amongst them last quarter. Hopes Williamson will be as good a master to them as L'Estrange was; they know the single Gazette far exceeds in profits L'Estrange's double sheets. They [of the post office] are that day spending the 10l. given them by Lady Chesterfield, for their late services.

Aug. 8.
West Cowes.

143. John Knight to Williamson. Details of the capture of a French pickeroon by the Paradox. A Chichester privateer has brought in two prizes, laden with salt, brandy, wine, &c.

Aug. 8.
Worcester
House.

144. Order in Council for liberation from the Tower of Nath. Desborough, on bond of 600l. for his good behaviour; he has petitioned for release, having been confined half a year, and begs that he may not lie under the King's displeasure, but be employed in his service.

Aug. 8.
Wednesday, 2 PM.
4 leagues off
Harwich.

145. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Has had a tedious passage, being detained by contrary winds. Has met with the Adventure, ready to sail to the fleet, and is just going aboard. The four Hamburg-bound ships will follow, under two convoys, and when they reach the fleet, the generals will probably take care for their convoy to port, and the return of the ships there bound homewards, some of which have naval stores. The Gottenburg fleet is not yet out of Harwich, but Comr. Taylor is hastening them; four convoys are ready for them, which are ordered only to wait eight days at Gottenburg for their return, but as they cannot lade in so short a time, presumes the time will be enlarged. A westerly wind is much wanted to carry off the victualling and store ships. [3 pages.]

Aug. 8.
Royal James,
North of the
Vlie.

146. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Thanks for the Holland papers of news. Hopes soon to give the Dutch another blow, and then they will readily give the King satisfaction. They escaped a scouring last time for lack of wind. Wants 15 rounds of powder and shot, and the beer and water ships, with other things. Has sent 1,000 good men under Sir R. Holmes and Sir Wm. Jennings, to destroy the Islands of Vlie and Schelling. On the former are the stores of the East India Company and the States. Encloses,

146. 1. *Desires of Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle for supply of the fleet. Ammunition, as the ships laden with*

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it, if not with Sir Jeremiah Smith, are supposed to be in Harwich; victualling ships, 18 laden with beer and 8 with water, and then 10 more with water; a week's more dry provision, because landmen had to be taken when seamen failed; topmasts, yards, cordage, &c., fire-ships, and guns,—all to be sent 12 leagues off the Texel, where the fleet intend their station. The Gottenburg fleet should be sent away, the enemy being now in their harbours. The Royal Charles is so much disabled that she will have to be sent home. [1½ pages.] August 9, 1666.

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Aug. 9.
London.

1. “A true and perfect narrative of the great and signal success of a part of His Majesty's fleet under his Highness Prince Rupert and his Grace the Duke of Albemarle, burning 160 Dutch ships within the Vlie, as also the town of Brandaris upon the island of Schelling, by some commanded men under the conduct of Sir Robert Holmes, the 8 and 9 of this instant August.” [5 pages, printed.]

[Aug. 9.]

2. Draft of part of the above. [*In the handwriting of John Swaddell, Williamson's clerk.*]

Aug. 9.
Dover.

3. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. There have 50 sail passed bound for London, chiefly conveying prisoners of war. The Dutch give out that they will be out with all speed. The master of the shallop has gone to the fleet to discover what he can, and will then desist till further orders. Thinks the bill of the first boat's crew too much.

Aug. 9.
Harwich.

4. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Thanks for his care about his commission for the Caribbees; perhaps it may be mislaid among Williamson's papers. Capt. Dorrell's foot company is marched with the Dutch prisoners to Sudbury, there to guard them; and Sir Chas. Littleton and Major Legg are marching to Sudbury from Landguard Fort to recruit, for most of their men went aboard the ships before last fight. The Gottenburg fleet of 20 vessels, under convoy of 4 ships, is sailing out. The Hamburg fleet will be sent shortly.

Aug. 9.

5. John Bettson to Lord Arlington. Finding their fidelity questioned and themselves slighted, told Mr. Freer; he came up from the country, and they resolved to do something that might prove them willing to serve to the hazard of their lives, so spying Capt. Hume looking at a play in Moorfields, desired two soldiers whom they saw to decoy him into an alehouse, wishing not to be seen themselves, and then went out, one for Capt. Thomas, the other for

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a justice, but meanwhile the soldiers had carried Hume in a coach to Whitehall. Begs consideration for their charges. *Annexing,*

5. I. *Statement by Leonard Williams and John Bettson that Capt. Hume, collector in Scotland and a proclaimed person, has been chiefly in London, and in the time of the Yorkshire plot, kept a correspondence with the plotters, and had a horse, on which he intended to charge, kept at Hen. Blockett's in Durham bishopric. If he will confess, he can tell much of persons and designs.*

Aug. ? 6. Examination of — Hume taken before Lord Arlington. Will not tell his name, but gave it to the captain of the guard as Hume, and as formerly a cornet in Scotland. Has lived four or five years in England, chiefly in London, but will not say where. Has written no letters to Scotland for a year. Was taken in Moorfields.

Aug. 9. 7. Sir Chris. Gyse to Williamson. Thanks for his promise of
Bath. weekly news; will do anything in his power to return the favour.

Aug. 9. 8. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Particulars of ships. Sir Wm.
Aldborough. Doyley and Serjeant Knight are gone to Ipswich; they beg removal of the Earl of Cleveland's troop, which takes up the quarters.

Aug. 9. 9. John Rowe to Thos. Bromhall, at Mr. Williamson's, Whitehall.
Chichester. The 46 ships that passed on Tuesday were chiefly going with provisions to the fleet, and some merchant-men with convoys.

Aug. 9. 10. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Capt. Hooker, who commanded
Truro. one of Lord Arundel's frigates supposed to be lost, has returned to Falmouth with three prizes. Two of the men taken by the French privateer, retaken by the Paradox, who were supposed to be murdered, have returned.

Aug. 9. 11. Jo. Man to Williamson. A privateer, supposed to be French,
6 A.M., has taken three or four prizes off the Lizard; the Martin galley has
Swansea. come in, and will sail with 10 coal vessels to Milford, and thence take charge of other colliers ready to go about land, which is a great security for ships trading in coals.

Aug. 9. 12. Capt. Thos. Page to the Navy Comrs. Sails to-morrow, with
The Breda, the Hamburg ships under his convoy, the galliot hoy, and other
Rolling Grounds. vessels conveying stores to the fleet; has no recruit of gunner's stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 9. 13. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The plague still
Portsmouth. decreases, but whole families are down with fever and ague;
Dockyard. never heard such complaints of sickness as are now amongst men.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 9. 14. Denis Gauden to Sam Pepys. The vessels hired by him to
Vicuallling fetch coals from Newcastle for brewing beer, after lying at the Nore
Office. and Harwich for two months waiting for convoy, now that an

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opportunity presents, are found to be disabled by having their men taken out of them by other ships; begs an order for restoring the men. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *List of the six hired colliers, with the names of five ships and commanders by whom their men were pressed away.*

Aug. 9.
Edinburgh.

15. Capt. John Stracham and Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. The prize arms and armour and spices have come in; John Brown, a privateer captain, wishes to buy the Dutch caper lately carried to Newcastle; desire a letter of credit to the Prize Comrs. to sell it, on good security for payment. Ready money is wanted; nothing can be bought from the second hand under 10 to 20 per cent. profit. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Aug. 10.
Plymouth.

16. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Victory and Orange are in port, to repair the damage sustained by an engagement with two Dutch capers of 36 guns each; the Constant Warwick has brought in three prizes, laden with salt, brandy, and wine. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.
Newcastle.

17. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Has taken the ship into custody; she is fit for a fire-ship. There are 300 laden colliers in harbour, waiting for convoy; two Dutch capers have been seen off Tynemouth Castle. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

17. I. *Appraisement of the said ship by Geo. Swoddell and three others; total value, 626l. 5s.* Aug. 9, 1666.

17. II. *Weight of the 20 guns borne upon the Flying Greyhound; total, 30,875 pounds, Holland weight.*

Newcastle, Aug. 10, 1666.

Aug. 10.
The Katherine,
Buoy of the
Nore.

18. Capt. Thos. Elliott to the Navy Comrs. Is only provisioned up to the 18th inst.; begs orders for a further supply.

Aug. 10.
Plymouth.

19. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the skirmish between the Orange and Victory and two Dutch capers off the Lizard Point; both ships are much disabled, and report an equal damage to the enemy; has notice by the Constant Warwick that the sea is full of ships abroad. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.

20. Answer by Major Beckford, addressed to the Navy Comrs., to charges brought against him by Mr. Waith, concerning slopselling. Complains of Waith's detaining moneys collected for him, claiming per-centage on 3,000l. due to him four years ago on the hearth-money, which will not be paid for three years, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*] *An-*
nexing,

20. I. *Note of agreement on behalf of Thos. Beckford, to pay five per cent. upon all money due to him collected by Mr. Waith.*

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Whitehall.

21. Petition of John Sayers, His Majesty's master-cook, to the King, for allowance to him of 431*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, set in account against him for provisions delivered from the larder to the privy kitchen, because they exceeded the proportions allowed two years afterwards, in November, 1662, when the regulation of the gross quantity of meat used by the French cooks was lessened, yet the surplus used in the two preceding years is deducted from his wages. With reference thereon to the Board of Greencloth, and their report, August 22, 1666, in favour of the petition.

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22. Report by Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, Commissioners of Customs, on the petition of Ant. Phelpe, Sam. Swinock, and John Shorter, that the clause for suspension of the Act of Navigation, in reference to exports and imports to and from Norway and the Baltic, is expressly limited to naval commodities, as hemp, pitch, tar, masts, &c., and cannot be understood to extend to other goods, and those not the produce of the country, as is the case with the fish oil mentioned in the petition, which is certainly liable to payment of double alien duties, as it would have been if brought in by an Englishman. [*1½ pages.*]

Aug. 10.

Warrant to pay to Willm. Gumbleton 360*l.* for two rings given by the King to the secretary of the French embassy and to the envoy of Savoy. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 10.
Lichfield.

23. Shar. Talbot to James Hickes. Wishes his woman had better ordered the venison. Hears from Wiltshire that at Lady Hungerford's house, Cosham, near Chippenham, in a room that was made very clean and shut up at night, there was found in the morning a picture of Lady Hungerford, drawn in colours on the floor, to the life. She would not have it rubbed out, and seemed to slight it, but has since fallen into a hectic fever.

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24. Jas. Halsall to George Porter, stone gallery, Whitehall. Mrs. Carter, the poor woman they met yesterday, formerly lived with Mrs. Abbott, and preserved in her house Tom Blague, Robin Killigrew, Sir Rob. Shirley, Mr. O'Neale, Nic. Armorer, Lord Rochester, himself, and many others of the King's servants; she was their confidant and very faithful, and is now ready to starve; it would be a charity to get her into a hospital, or find her some means to live.

Aug. 10.
Newcastle.

25. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet is still in harbour, and the Dutch and French capers on the coast prevent the light ships coming; the collier fleet is well manned, and could spare 1,000 able seamen for the navy; two small vessels with French wines have come from Scotland.

Aug. 10.
Plymouth.

26. John Clarke to James Hickes. Particulars of an encounter between the Victory and Orange frigates and two Dutch capers, which at length got away by night coming on. The Orange captain lost one of his hands, and had two men killed and six wounded; the Victory lost five men killed and six wounded.

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Aug. 10. 27. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding.
- Aug. 10. 28. D. G[rosse] to Williamsom. Departure of the Barbadoes
Plymouth. and Virginia fleet for London. Encounter of the Orange and Victory; both frigates are repairing and will soon be at sea. The Constant Warwick has brought in three prizes, which were all going about the north of Ireland; they report that Beaufort has not yet come from Lisbon to Rochelle.
- Aug. 10. 29. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Blackamore has
Hull. sailed for London with the victuals, and 14 or 15 ships, laden with lead, butter, and corn. Good convoys are much wanted for the Newcastle colliers and the Gottenburg and Hamburg fleets. The Dane is reported to have sent 12 men-of-war into the Elbe.
- Aug. 10. 30. John Bower to James Hickes. The coal fleet dares not leave
York. Newcastle without convoy; the people are much revived with the late victory.
- Aug. 10. 31. Willm. Wakeman to James Hickes. Writes in Mr. Manaton's
Custom House, absence to say there is no news in those parts.
Barnstaple.
- Aug. 10. 32. Ric. Blake to Williamson. Sir John Skelton being gone to
Plymouth Exeter assizes, writes to say that the plantation fleet has sailed for
Fort. London, under convoy of the Patrick. Particulars of the encounter between the Victoria and Orange and two Dutch men-of-war; the latter got away, but lost many of their men, and their rigging was much rent. [*Two pages.*]
- Aug. 10. 33. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have 12 light colliers
Yarmouth. sailed for Newcastle. The Gottenburg fleet has passed by. The Truelove is in the roads, to convoy men from Boston to the fleet.
- Aug. 10. 34. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. A French shallop has taken
Lyme. another vessel, so that without some scour coasts, people will hardly be able to go from port to port, or a fishing.
- Aug. 10. 35. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A Dutch caper has appeared in
Whitby. the offing. Ra. Jerron of that port was put on shore at Speeton Cliffs.
- Aug. 10. 36. Fras. Malory to Williamson. A Dutch caper lies on the
Milford. coast of Ireland. Knowing all the ports in South Wales where the [post] stages lie, will advise him to able honest men.
- Aug. 10. 37. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Particulars of vessels; two
Walmer. French sloops are between the Downs and Dover. The distemper much decreases in Deal; 200 have sores; before few had sores, but only swelling, and then they died.
- Aug. 10. 38. Note of two vessels, Capt. John Thompson's and another
at Redriff, ready to sail for the Barbadoes. Endorsed, "Sir J. Towers."

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39. Petition of Sir John Towers to the King, for an order to the High Sheriffs of London to deliver him to Capt. Thomson for transportation to the Barbadoes without security. Has been long in a loathsome prison, and is unable to obtain from Capt. Thomson, with whom he has agreed for his passage, any security for his safe transport. *Annexing,*

39. 1. *Sentence pronounced at the Old Bailey, April 25, on Sir John Towers, Bart., that he be hanged, drawn, and quartered, as guilty of high treason in forging the sign manual of the King; with note that he was respited and reprieved by the King's order. [Latin, copy.]*

Aug. 10.
Whitehall.

Proclamation suspending the execution of a commission of reprisal granted to Sir Edw. Turner, George Carew, and others, May 19, 1665, against the subjects of the States General, to hold good till they had recovered from them 151,612*l.*, on account of great misdemeanors committed in its execution by seizing the ships of the King's allies. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 226.*]

[Aug. 10.]

40. Draft of the above, noted as received and allowed Aug. 8, 1666. [*2 pages.*]

Aug. 10.
York.

41. Certificate by Ste. Clapham and five others that Adam Baynes, of Teeton, co. Northampton, with his wife and two servants, came a month ago amongst their relations there to receive rents, and settle his estates, and have not been observed to do anything prejudicial to the King's affairs.

Aug. 10.
Royal James,
between the
Vlie and Texel.

42. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. The Admirals ordered Sir Rob. Holmes, with 900 seamen and soldiers, 300 of each squadron, and Sir Phil. Howard, with a company of volunteers, to attempt something on the Vlie and Schelling, and the 8th, at 8 a.m., the little fleet of eight small ships and five fire-ships stood towards the Vlie, the rest of the fleet standing a little out at sea, that these might better draw into their station. At 11 the fleet was birthed so as best to intercept the Dutch merchant ships; in the afternoon, a letter from Sir R. Holmes announced that he had discovered 40 sail riding at the Vlie, and asked directions, on which three more ships were sent him, lest any of those discovered should be men-of-war. In the evening the wind sprung up, and was feared to be unfavourable, but subsided. On the 9th, at noon, smoke was seen rising from several places in the Island of Vlie, and the 10th brought news that Sir Robert had burned in the enemy's harbour 160 outward bound valuable merchantmen and three men-of-war, and taken a little pleasure boat and eight guns, in four hours. The loss is computed at a million sterling, and will make great confusion when the people see themselves in the power of the English at their very doors. Sir Robert then landed his forces, and is burning the houses in Vlie and Schelling, as bonfires for his good success at sea. The Dutch fleet is expected out soon, to prevent further mischief. [*3 pages.*]

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Aug. 10 ? 43. Note of a report by Capt. Kempthorne, of the Richmond, that the English fleet has fired 150 sail at the Texel, four of which were men-of-war, and four bound for Guinea; and has lost four fire-ships.

Aug. 10 ? 44. Odes by William Owen, on the burning of 150 ships of Belgium in the port of Schelling, some of which were about to go to Guinea. [*Latin*, 1½ pp.]

[Aug. 10.] 45. Description of the proceedings of the English fleet, under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, from July 29, when they came in sight of Zealand. On August 7, an attack on the islands of Vlie and Schelling was resolved on, under Sir Robt. Holmes, with 9 vessels; details of their meeting with a Dutch fleet of 170 merchant ships, attacking and taking so many that only 8 or 9 escaped, and returning to the fleet August 10. [*Draft*, 2 pages.]

[Aug. 10.] 46. Similar account of the said expedition. Also detailing an attack made by Sir Robert Holmes on the Island of Schelling, where he set fire to the principal town. [*Draft*, 3 pages.]

[Aug. 10.] 47, 48. Fair copy of the above narrative. Two papers. [4½ pages.]

Aug. 11. 49. R. M[eine] to Williamson. A rich vessel laden with arms is
Edinburgh. brought as a prize into Leith. The Duke of Hamilton's troop rendezvous there, 100 well-appointed men, and the rest will do so shortly. The country is quiet, wishing for peace with the Dutch, but for war with France.

Aug. 11. 50. Petition of Rob. Aldus, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to Lord Arlington, for release; is confined at suit of Sir John Baber, for misdemeanors against his lordship and other honourable persons, committed in drink, and has lain long in prison.

Aug. 11. Warrant for the title of baronet to Peter Fortescue, of Wood, Devon. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 109.]

Aug. 11. Warrant for a lease to John Freeman and eight others of the excise of ale and beer, and other exciseable liquors in London and Westminster, Southwark, Middlesex, and Surrey, except in South Mims, and the King's house beyond the Royal Exchange, for two years, on rental of 140,000*l.* in monthly payments, allowing them the last quarter's rent in lieu of 35,000*l.* advanced by them, the interest of which is to be defalcated from this year; also appointing Rob. Huntingdon and three others commissioners or governors of the excise under the said farmers, but to have no benefit in the farm, the King promising not to release any of the duties, nor remit any fines, and to allow defalcations in the case of plague, or prohibition of export of beer, and also to renew their lease for six years more. The farmers are to have full power to levy the said excise, but are to submit their accounts to yearly audit, that the true value may be known, and to obey regulations made by the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and especially allow the appointment of four gagers to

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gauge the beer, with other minor regulations; in default of observance of which the lease is to be seized into the King's hand. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 109-113.*]

Aug. 11.
Whitehall.

Award in the differences between Brome Whorwood and his wife, that as in the former agreement the King did not foresee the charges of the sequestration that was laid on the estate, such as are paid by Mrs. Whorwood shall not be reimbursed to her, but the remainder shall be paid by Mr. Whorwood. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 131.*]

Aug. 11.

51. Certificate by Sir Fras. Cobb, [sheriff of Yorkshire], that Adam Baynes, of Teeton, co. Northampton, is now at York on his necessary business, and has always demeaned himself civilly, and done nothing prejudicial to government.

Aug. 11.

52. A. Desborough to Lord Arlington. Lord Craven and Sir Rich. Browne have informed her how much she and her husband are indebted for his lordship's influence in the Council, though a clause in the order for her husband's release will render him always a suspicious person, and liable to imprisonment, unless his own faithfulness may be taken warrant for his good behaviour, he having ventured his life in His Majesty's service. He has been prisoner three months in Pendennis Castle, in mistake for Major-General Desborough; he begs consideration, his case being different from traitors and suspicious persons that go under bail; his misfortunes have almost ruined him, being a younger brother, and his estate unable to bear the charges of imprisonment; begs employment for him; he must remain where he is, unless he can gain further liberty from Council.

Aug. 11.
West Cowes.

53. John Knight to Williamson. Three wine and brandy prizes from Bourdeaux are brought in.

Aug. 11.
Weymouth.

54. John Pocock to Williamson. Particulars of prizes taken; one French prize had two boxes of silver on board, and the captain was offered 1,500*l.* if he would have cleared her. The governor of Shoozey was hanged with his pilot, whom he endeavoured much to clear, but could not. On the 10th several broadsides were heard in Portland Road.

Aug. 11.

55. John Pocock to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 11.
Aldborough.

56. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Some light colliers have passed by northwards, and some victuallers to the fleet. The Gottenburg and Hamburg fleets have sailed.

Aug. 11.
Harwich.

57. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The four or five ships that came to be refitted are ready to sail. Mr. Reid has not got the writer's commission; cannot write to Lord Ashley till it is found. Will send all intelligence possible. Has well stewarded the 3*l.* sent for the poor wounded seamen. Particulars of vessels which have gone to the fleet.

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Aug. 11.
Chester.

58. M. A[nderton] to Williamson. Many gentry have been at the assizes and shown much alacrity to serve. Sir Job Charleton, chief justice, having finished there, is going to Sir Roger Mostyn's and thence to Flint assizes. Ireland is quiet, but great preparations are made in case a foreign enemy should land. The Duke of Ormond is ready to draw his army into camp; his vigilance befits so great a subject and gallant a general.

Aug. 11.
Chester.

59. Ma. Anderton to James Hickes. Knows not how Muddiman's news comes to him; does not correspond with him. With note from Hickes to [Williamson] that he informed Anderton that Muddiman had been dismissed by Williamson, who would withdraw from any one holding correspondence with him.

Aug. 11.
Boston.

60. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Aug. 11.
Portsmouth.

61. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. The Paradox has brought in a French man-of-war, which would not yield till the captain, a Maltese, and 30 men were killed. She also brought in a Swede and an Ostender.

Aug. 11.
Lyme.

62. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. A French shallop chased a Lyme boat off Torbay, and forced her ashore, but left on appearance of the country bands; account of other prizes. The Duke of Richmond, lord lieutenant, has been received by the militia, and treated at the mayor's, the great guns and some small shot being fired, and the mayor ordered that none of his retinue pay a penny in the town.

Aug. 11.
Southwold.

63. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. A Flemish buss belonging to Burlington has been stranded, but the rigging saved. No enemies are seen. Serjeant Knight was very careful to see the wounded well dressed. Sir Wm. Doyley finds it better to hire a ketch to take those recovered back to the fleet, as they can thus take their clothes with them, and be put on board their own ships; it will take all those between Yarmouth and Harwich. Sends letters which the Dutch prisoners wish to have forwarded.

Aug. 11.
Newcastle.

64. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The colliers are so earnest to be gone, that they will hazard themselves without convoy if one do not come.

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65. List of six ships at Newcastle, in the week ending Aug. 11.

Aug. 11.
Sunderland.

66. Ben. Francis to Williamson. No capers have been seen on those coasts, but many off Scarborough. A Bridlington coal vessel was twice chased, and forced to run upon a sand near Robin Hood's Bay, whence she got off next tide.

Aug. 11.
Bridgewater.

67. Wm. Symons to James Hickes. Nothing worth notice has occurred there.

Aug. 11.
Exeter.

68. Peter Crabb to Lord Arlington. The disaffected in the West are very busy, employing men and women to inform up and down that the Queen-Mother intends to bring in popery, and that the

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King countenances it. Widow Fasy, of Tiverton, whose son is a grand rogue, carries letters for them. Gils Sunter rides about with letters and news; Francis Drew, a deputy lieutenant and justice, is a great countenancer of them. Col. Bufet's brother says the good old cause will be the cause again before a year is over; also Major Sarell, Col. Bennet, Major Cobbren, and Major Blackmore say such things; some of these persons could raise 2,000 men in an hour or two. Wishes to be directed to some person of trust to whom he could say more, or will else write weekly.

Aug. 11.
Royal James.

69. Jā. Reade to Williamson. The fleet is in good health, and five leagues north of the Vlie. Particulars of the attack made by Sir Rob. Holmes and Sir Wm. Jennings, with 900 soldiers, on the islands of Vlie and Schelling; great care was taken to preserve women, children, and others who did not oppose; 160 rich merchant ships were burned, only 10 escaping, and all the large town of Schelling, but the Vlie reserved for another time. The English lost only 10 men and 8 hurt, but would not have been destroyed if the Dutch had had the courage of boys. [*1½ pages.*]

Aug. 11.
Ipswich.

70. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Would have sent his accounts sooner; but was ordered to the Rolling Grounds, by Comr. Taylor, to survey the provisions on board the Elizabeth and Adventure frigates; 16 sail of Gottenburg merchantmen have been victualled lately; the Mary, Dunkirk, and Dover, will be dispatched in two days. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

70. I. *Schedule by And. Crawley of letters of credit for victuals granted to five ships in July 1666.*

70. II. *Account by And. Crawley and Thos. Clarke of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned from ships during the same month.*

Aug. 11.
6 P.M.,
Upnor Castle.

71. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Has paid the rope-yard, the sum amounting to 2,700*l.*; it will take at least 18,000*l.* to pay the whole yard; begs that the money may be sent by water, to avoid the danger of the infected places it must pass by land; the plague increases at Chatham; 30 died last week, and 100 houses are infected; no order is observed, but sick and well promiscuously visit each other; the third-rate ship is at a stand for want of materials: the yard being infected, proposes discharging some of the shipwrights rather than keep them idle; they cut good timber into chips, and women and children from Chatham fetch the chips, and spread the infection; the St. George sails to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 11.
Portsmouth.

72. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. Desires a warrant to Sir John Evelyn, Giles Eyre, and Edw. St. Barbe, justices, for the transportation of three elm trees bought in Wiltshire for the new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 11.
Harwich.

73. Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Comrs. Is in great forwardness for a voyage; must procure blocks from Ipswich; thinks his guns too weighty for the ship; can carry six months provisions for 60 men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 11.
Vitualling
Office.

74. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. Thos. Owld, late master of the Adam and Eve, is a creditor on his vitualling account for 616 men a day, if his supernumeraries be allowed. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

74. I. *Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. The widow of Thos. Owld, late master of the Adam and Eve, cast away in April, has brought a sea-book in order to the passing of her husband's accounts; the rest of his papers being lost, she has nothing to show for the discharge of cask and bags. Asks directions.* *Vitualling Office, Aug. 9, 1666.*

74. II. *Debtor and creditor account of victuals received by Thos. Owld on board the Adam and Eve.*

Aug. 11.
Royal James.

75. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. Accounts of another happy success. Finding a descent might be made on Vlie and Schelling, sent Sir Robt. Holmes with 1,100 or 1,200 men, strengthened with some lesser frigates and fire-ships, hearing also that there were 50 merchantmen in the harbour of Vlie. Finding the ships to be 170, he resolved to attack them before attempting the land, which he did with such conduct and courage, that only six escaped the flames; they were ships of great burden, inward or outward bound. There were two men-of-war that made a defence, but were quickly boarded and burnt. The wind prevented an attack on the Vlie, but he set fire to the town of Schelling, burning at least 1,000 houses, and then returned to the fleet, the wind favouring the bringing down upon him of the enemy's force from Amsterdam. Capt. Lowris Van Heemskerck, a disobliged native of Holland, has been of great use, as without his guidance the attempt would hardly have been made. Recommend his wife and children who lie at Dover. The fleet is obliged to return to Sole Bay, for beer, water, and ammunition. Desire His Majesty's special commands for them to be hastened, that they may get out and have another battle with the war fleet before the summer ends. Refer for details to Sir Philip Howard, "who assisted in the whole action very handsomely in his own person." [3 pages.]

Aug. [12?]
Royal James.

76. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. The Dutch have received a greater blow than ever since the war. Others will tell what Sir Rob. Holmes did. The flames would be seen in half the States' dominions. The fleet is obliged to stand for Sole Bay, for want of water and other necessaries. Begg that supplies may be hastened down, and also Sir Thos. Clifford.

Aug. 12.
The Henry,
17 leagues off
the Vlie.

77. Sir Robt. Holmes to Lord [Arlington]. Particulars of his attack of the Dutch vessels in the Vlie Road; sent the fire-ships ahead, and they burned the men-of-war and the ships that defended the fleet; then sent in the vessels and burned all the fleet except nine; landed with 11 companies on the Schelling, and with little opposition, burned the town, which seemed very rich. Lost only 12 men, while the ships burned were 150 or 160. Sends a draft of

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the Schelling channel and harbour, and has got others of five or six Dutch harbours, which will be a great light in case of any future war. Begs performance of a promise made by him to a Danish vessel, laden with deals, of protection, if she would pilot him to where the Dutch fleet lay, finding the Dutch captain who undertook it not capable; the vessel and lading are only worth 600*l.*, but contrary to promise, the deals are disposed of. Is too ill to write more. [2 pages.]

Aug. 12.
The Henry.

78. Sir Rob. Holmes to James Hickes. Particulars of the attack on the Dutch vessels, and of the burning of the chief town of Schelling; got off at high water, seeing 100 sail coming, and supposing it was to relieve the islands. Fears to be forced to go on shore, from the bruises in the last engagement, and the pains taken in this enterprise. [2 pages, copy.]

Aug. 12.
Dover.

79. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Has only bad news. The sickness is very much increasing. There is a rumour that some from aboard the English fleet have landed in Holland and fired some country villages. Begs him to persuade Mr. Banckes to be content with the warrant he has for 100*l.*, till the writer can get the other 100*l.* from Capt. Fooley who took the Milkmaid, and did all the mischief, and who is now in prison there. If not, will be forced to go to London, to use some other means.

Aug. 12.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

80. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Complains of letters arriving eight or ten days after date. Particulars of the Lord Treasurer's parcel of timber. The Warwick and Orange are both fully manned, but cannot get out of port through the contrary winds. The great alarm raised about the French landing in Sussex arose because 10 labourers and the captain of the Warwick, whom he sent to Axminster to press men from a privateer, coming ashore at night, to surprise them in their quarters, caused the alarm, when immediately the gates were shut up, and the inhabitants ran, some into one hole, some into another, crying out, "The French! the French!" Particulars of hemp in store. Great scarcity of labourers in the ropeyard; all the workmen are in good health. Begs that Mr. Newland may receive the price of his ropes on delivery. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 pages.]

Aug. 12.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

81. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. For 100 dozen of oars it is demanded to put into the stores 40 doz. of handspikes; has no need of them. Capt. Rich. Teate in the Friezland is anchored off Spithead; proposes unlading his provisions to-morrow, and putting the masts on board; the New England masts will not find length in the ship; particulars of cordage, hemp, and yarn offered. The Paradox has arrived at Cowes, with a French privateer larger than herself; another small French vessel, taken by the Nonsuch ketch, lies also at Cowes. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 pages.]

Aug. 12.
The Friezland,
Portsmouth.

82. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Has arrived at Spithead, laden with masts, anchors, ironwork, and other provisions asks where he shall unlade them. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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- Aug. 12. 83. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Edward and
Plymouth. Francis has arrived from "port to port" [Oporto?] laden with oils
and sugar. Beaufort's fleet is reported foul and leaky, and will
have to return and tallow, leaving the securing of the Queen of
Portugal, who is to take shipping at Rochelle. The Constant
Warwick and Victory will shortly sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 12. 84. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Since the 8th instant, 80 sail have
Walmer. arrived, 40 of whom are light colliers and firemen, bound northward.
Fears his letters miscarry, having received no reply for more than a
month.
- Aug. 12. 85. M. Scott to Williamson. A small Scotch privateer has
Berwick. brought into Leith a large vessel going to Denmark, laden with
ammunition for 8,000 men. All is quiet, and the people joyful for
the late victory.
- Aug. 12. 86. Jeffery Saffery to Abraham Holding and Company. Has
Plymouth. safely arrived at Plymouth; on the 29th was chased four hours by
a great fleet, supposed to be De Beaufort's; had to look about him,
having seen several other ships.
- Aug. 12. 87. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Is guiltless of the charge brought
Dover. against him, and his accuser is very guilty, and causes him much loss,
beside the vexations of "that known knave, Edy, the clerk to the
late Commissioners of Dover." The Barbadoes and Virginia fleets
have passed, under convoy of Capt. Robt. Saunders of the St. Patrick,
who met six French privateers, sunk three, sent two into Portsmouth,
and took one of 30 guns with him into the fleet; the shallop has
not yet returned.
- Aug. 12. 88. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Requests him to be mindful of
Plymouth Fort. his business; will write to Lord Arlington about it. A London
merchantman arrived from Lisbon saw between 20 and 30 French
men-of-war making towards Rochelle, but was too nimble for them.
- Aug. 12. 89. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Four great ships, supposed
Falmouth. to be some of our East India merchants, have passed eastward.
- Aug. 13. 90. Ja. Reade to Williamson. Prince Rupert and the Duke of
Royal James. Albemarle, with the whole fleet, are under sail for Sole Bay; they
have taken more prizes. Has sent Lord Craven an invoice of the
goods belonging to one man, laden in several ships for Archangel, by
which to judge of the rest. *Encloses,*
90. I. *Account of masts, &c., laden on one of the captured
ships.*
- Aug. 13. 91. John Pocock to James Hickes. The postmaster there and
Weymouth. others have been restrained, and are now sent for before the
Council Board, for speaking against the Duke's secretary. The Os-
tenders are carried to Cowes. The western coasts are clear.
- Aug. 13. 92. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The captain of the John and
Aldborough. Thomas, which brought in two corn prizes, met Sir Rob. Holmes,
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who told him of the act on the Schelling; he would have burned the Vlie, but the generals called him off. The Hull fleet of 20 sail, with the Blackamoor as convoy, has sailed southward.

Aug. 13.
Sunderland.

93. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Three frigates, which have brought in 100 sail of ships from the south, report that in all their voyage they discovered no enemy on the coasts, and that the fleet is in a gallant posture on the Dutch coast.

Aug. 13.
Pembroke.

94. Fras. Malory to Williamson. On the 10th a terrible thunder storm burned a mow of corn, and killed a man and dog which ran to it for shelter. The prize Two Brothers of Rochelle has sailed for Bristol.

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95. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 13.
Bridlington.

96. John Bower to James Hickes. John Wiggener, commander of the John and Giles ketch, which attends on the General, went to the coast of Holland, expecting to find the fleet at the mouth of the Texel, but did not see them; he had the Lily and a galliot with him, which latter was taken by three Holland men-of-war, who gave them chase.

Aug. 13.
Swansea.

97. John Man to Williamson. A frigate, he thinks the Sapphire, [Paradox?] has taken the French privateer which took the Scilly packet boat, and several other vessels, her captain and 30 men being killed in the fight. The Martin lies in the road windbound.

Aug. 13.
West Cowes.

98. John Lysle to Williamson. Particulars of examinations of prizes. That taken by the Paradox was Notre Dame of Mount Carmel of St. Malo, and the death of her captain, Lewis La Barre, seigneur de Grosleu and cavalier of the order of Mount Carmel, is much lamented among the French prisoners; most of the 22 men who were put on shore at Dartmouth mortally wounded are dead; she had taken three prizes before her capture. The Hawk has brought in three wine and brandy prizes, Flemish ships, who report that 15 great Holland ships, richly laden with brandy and wines, left Bourdeaux with them and went the northern passage, and they left 25 more Hollanders lading to go the same way, beside Swedish and French ships. A wine prize from Bourneuffe, brought in by the Eagle, reports that there is great dearth of provisions there, all oxen, hogs, &c., being sent to Rochelle, against De Beaufort's coming. Maurice Fowler, an Irishman, has become captain of a French man-of-war, and sails from St. Malo to revenge the capture by the Deptford ketch of the ship St. Thomas of St. Malo, laden with herrings, belonging to St. Malo, but which he claimed as belonging to Dublin; the fish were sold and the money and ship are detained; supposes that by his becoming a rebel, they will be condemned. [3 pages.]

Aug. 13.
Yarmouth.

99. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The John and Thomas has called to put on shore 60 sick and wounded men from the fleet. She is carrying to London two great fly-boat prizes, laden with corn and

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flax, taken by the Dragon. Always receives the printed papers when they are out of date, and have been some days in other hands in the town.

Aug. 13.
Bridlington.

100. John Bower to James Hickes. A fleet of 100 light colliers has sailed northwards with two convoys, which he hopes will bring the colliers from Newcastle to London, and thus afford a good supply of men for the fleet.

Aug. 13.
Hull.

101. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Four or five ships are coming up the Humber, but it is not known what they are.

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102. Petition of William Burton, of Great Yarmouth, merchant, to the King. Conceives himself included in the proclamation for return of certain persons abroad to England, but was in debt on the public account to hundreds of persons in Great Yarmouth, before the Restoration, and being sued by some of them in 1661, was forced to return into Holland, where he has continued since, merchandising, but not interfering in the differences between the King and the Hollanders. Came down to Ostend with Mr. Disbrowe to embark for England, but was there informed that Lord Arlington had procured leave for his continuance at Rotterdam, if he would pay 400*l*. Relying on this, and being unable to satisfy the pretences of the Yarmouth people, returned to Rotterdam, and now the time limited by the proclamation is over. Begg a licence to continue beyond seas, being ready to remove from Rotterdam to some place in amity with His Majesty.

Aug. 13.
[Norwich.]

103. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There are great hopes of a decrease in the bill [of mortality] this week.

Aug. 13.
Dover.

104. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Capt. Holmes of the *Lenox* has sent in a wine and brandy prize, taken under the fort of Calais, whither they chased her; the men took to their boat and got ashore. Several Calais boats were manned to retrieve her, but in vain. Capt. Jos. Saunders is dead. Will clear himself of the charges against him as to the prize office. The sickness increases daily at Dover.

Aug. 13.
Chester Castle.

105. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. Has no news from those parts, but gives particulars of the dissolution of the Irish Parliament on the 7th instant. The settlement of the kingdom by the court of claims is adjudged reasonable by all, except perhaps outlaws or tories to the number of 100 in all parts of the kingdom.

Aug. 13.
West Cowes.

106. John Knight to Williamson. A shallop from Guernsey brings news that the French King has drawn down 20,000 men between Normandy and St. Malo, and the country people are ordered from time to time to bring them in four days' provisions.

Aug. 13.
Royal James.

107. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Is glad to have Sir Thos. Clifford back. Is sailing towards Sole Bay with a fair wind, being within 20 leagues of the coast. Hopes soon to be able to meet the enemy if they come forth, if not to attend them there.

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Aug. 13.
Noon,
Royal James,
14 leagues from
Sole Bay.

108. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Went on board the Adventure Wednesday the 8th; on Friday made the Holland coast, five leagues south of the Texel; came off the Vlie, and stood north-west, expecting to find the fleet; met several ketches that had been seeking it two or three days; supposed it might be gone northward; on some intelligence of the Dutch East India fleet, and made towards the east of the Dogger Bank, and hanging out a light, was joined by six small vessels. Before going northwards, took a little trip into shore, and there found the fleet, in an excellent post to hinder any ships going to the enemy's ports, but much to the east of where it was expected to be. Was prevented by the calm from coming on board the generals till 6 p.m., when Sir Phil. Howard had left with tidings of the success in firing so many ships, and they were sailing for Sole Bay. Hopes supplies and seamen will meet them there. Sir Adrian Scroop, commander of the troops in Suffolk, and Sir John Rous, of the foot regiment, should be ordered to have their men always on the scout to hinder seamen from running away. The last success is of great reputation, and a great loss to the Hollander; most of the ships were outward bound and richly laden, as proved by their bills of lading, some of which are brought off. They had also on board scandalous pamphlets of their power and our weakness, which they intended to spread into all parts of the world. It seems their fleet had intended to come out and hold ours in play, whilst their merchantmen got round to the northward, but as this is frustrated, and their East India men not to return this year, they are not likely to hazard another loss, especially as this last action has struck terror in their men, and the loss of 160 large ships will cause disorder among the commonalty. The Lily has chased and brought in a great flyboat, laden with iron and large masts. In the Danish papers, it would be well to put in Latin the words of the treaty they concluded with Sir Gilbert [Talbot] and the writer. Mr. Hayes wants employment for a brother of his in the prize office in Ireland. Prizes are brought in daily, and at request of the Lord General, has taken the examinations of one or two, but has not servants about him to take care of them; truly the employment is in such disrepute that it is become a jest and a bye-word. Managed it last year so that every captain in the fleet was glad of his assistance to preserve prizes for the King, and they were sent into port without bulk broken, but begs not to have the charge again, for as the case now stands, can neither do it for the King's profit nor his own reputation. The generals think no place too difficult, and will even attack Bergen, when they go out again, if the East India fleet has put in there. When the fleet drew off, 50 men would stay to plunder in the fired houses; a ketch was left to bring them off, and this morning they returned and were checked for their unruliness, and told of their danger; they swore they were kings of the island for a night, and cared not a straw for hazard, so they might domineer; "there is not such resolution and courage in any common men in the world;" only seven or eight men are missing, and those lost by fire, not the enemy. Is consoled

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for his own absence by there having been no great encounter with the enemy. Money should be ready to pay off the great ships against they return. [*6¼ pages.*]

Aug. 13. 109. Report by Robt. Mayors, of Sir Solomon Swale's timber in the parish of Cockseal, Sussex. With note [by Pepys] that he was offered 50s. a load, but stood for 3*l.* and parted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 13. 110. Capt. John Pearse to the Navy Comrs. The ship is lost ; something might have been done to save her, had he not been hindered by base cowardly rogues, willing to sell their king and country for 6*d.* ; begs that no credit may be given to their tale before his arrival ; has served in the ship three years, and been at great losses ; begs that his wife may receive money to relieve him and his children. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 13. 111. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The price formerly given for the carriage of timber, though thought too low, was accepted by the carriers when they had little else to do, and although when other business interfered there was some hindrance, yet it was not one hundredth part the difficulty and trouble there has been of late ; has proposed nothing but what is probable and facile concerning the the launching. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 13. 112. Thos. Lewsley to [the Navy Comrs.] Particulars of a parcel of oak timber belonging to Mr. Hayward, of Cranbrook. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14. 113. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has sent to Dartmouth about the cordage, and returned the sailcloth considered too dear ; the Prize Comrs. have orders to deliver the goods with the deal ships ; will make them ready against the first opportunity of convoy for Portsmouth ; the Victory and Constant Warwick sail to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14. 114. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Shall be glad to see the hemp ship arrive in safety ; hopes to find in her some small concerns of his own ; the sails for Plymouth are ready ; wishes the order had been more plain ; has sent them according to his own understanding ; hopes that will prove to be what was intended. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Aug. 14. 115. Rob. Meine to Williamson. The Earl of Athol's troop, 60 well-appointed gentlemen of quality, most of them old officers, was mustered. Another prize is taken. Requests two Gazettes always to be sent, for the Archbishop of Glasgow and himself ; the levies of horse and foot go on well, but money is wanting ; every well-appointed horseman receives 20*l.* levying money, and goodwill to serve the King is not wanting.

Aug. 14. 116. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival and departure of ships. The master of a Virginia vessel says there are at least 20 Dutch and French ships to the west and south of Ireland, and only three or four of the King's vessels there, so that English ships cannot pass.

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- Aug. 14. Harwich. 117. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. A ketch belonging to Sir Rob. Holmes brings news of his attack on the Schelling; has spoken with several eye-witnesses, and seen some of the Dutch plate that was plundered.
- Aug. 14. Harwich. 118. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Details of Sir Rob. Holmes' attack on the ships in the Vlie and on the Schelling: on a high land at a distance, were 800 men in arms with Dutch colours, but they did not attempt to come near; the Schelling was taken on Friday; on Thursday night was thunder, rain, and wind, which blew up the fires of the ships that had burnt to the water, when 90 distinct fires were counted; 1,500 men with land arms went with Sir Robert. The carpenters [at the dockyard] hearing the news, shouted and rang the bells. The fleet is to be in Southwold Bay to-morrow; it has taken many prizes.
- Aug. 14. Bridlington. 119. John Bower to James Hickes. Another report of Sir Rob. Holmes' attack on the ships and the Schelling; he lost only one man killed and one wounded, and three fire-ships, and brought off 30 or 40 ships or smacks to carry the plunder. The Lord General sent the Fountain to fetch the collier fleet yet in Tynemouth; ships are now passing to and fro about their employments.
- Aug. 14. Falmouth. 120. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Has little news, the three privateers of that harbour being stopped from going to sea.
- Aug. 14. Falmouth. 121. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickes of the 12th instant.
- Aug. 14. 122. Receipt by Rob. Morris and Isaac Sherwin of 7s. 8½d. from Mr. Boldack, as the 6th quarterly payment of the Royal aid, for his office of postmaster. *Annexing,*
122. 1. *Note by the same that they have four several times distrained on John Boldack for his office of postmaster, by the Commissioners' warrant.*
- Aug. 14. 123. Petition of Capt. John Rives, of London, to the King, for a place as one of the Farmers of Customs, entering into the covenants and raising his proportion of the money. Served in the late rebellion, and was expelled his fellowship in New College, Oxford, and obliged to go abroad, where he supplied His Majesty with 500*l.*; had promises of favour, and served well in the late farm of Excise.
- Aug. 14. Newcastle. 124. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A fleet of light colliers has come to the bar, with three frigates as a convoy, which have arrived in good time, as the fleet of colliers had resolved to go the first fair wind, and can now sail in safety.
- Aug. 14. Plymouth. 125. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Arrival of ships in that harbour.
- Aug. 14. Plymouth Fort. 126. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has written to Lord Arlington to move the King to settle his pension on a good fund in future, and pay the arrears. If his lordship will but move it cor-

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dially, the business will be done. Knows it is an ill time to look for money, but thinks a warrant might be got from Lord Ashley to pay him his arrears out of the prize office at Plymouth.

Aug. 14.
Alban Hall.

127. T. L[amplugh] to Williamson. Sends his wife's thanks for half a buck; they have not yet digested their sorrow for the loss of their little Joseph, Williamson's godson, a hopeful and forward child. There are three sisters now together at Charleton; his wife was so disconsolate that she wanted comforters.

Aug. 14.
Minehead.

128. John Maurice to James Hickes. Some pickeroons are still plying between Cork and Waterford, and a caper took two small vessels in sight of Youghal harbour. The Irish Parliament has been dissolved by the Duke [of Ormond] in person. He has ordered the Harp to convoy a ship from Nevis bound for Bristol. Begs half a crown a quarter more for the Taunton foot post, George Knight, who has only 4s. 6d. a week.

Aug. 14.
Southwold.

129. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Sir Thos. Clifford has written to say that the fleet is coming to Southwold Bay, and to ask preparation for the sick, wounded, and prisoners who are to come out of prizes. Sends letters from the Duke of Albemarle.

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Plymouth.

130. John Clarke to Williamson. A vessel laden with oil from Oporto to London has arrived. The Constant Warwick and Orange are refitting after their late skirmish, and then will go to their station.

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131. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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20 leagues from
land.

132. Duke of Albemarle to the King. Thanks for his gracious letter. Prince Rupert and he think it their greatest honour to serve His Majesty. They are sailing for Solebay with a fair wind, and hope to find provisions, having sent to Comr. Taylor to forward them. Wishes to clear a gallant man falsely accused, Sir Jeremiah Smith, who had more men killed and hurt, and his ship received more shot than any in the fleet. There is not a more spirited man serves in the fleet. A vessel is taken laden with masts and iron. Endorsed, "Received 16th August." [2 pages.] *Encloses,*

132. I. *Account of the masts, &c., on the above ship.*

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133. Statement of the arrears of militia money collected in several counties and towns, with memoranda relating to nonpayment of the same in others. [1½ pages.]

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Warrant for a grant to Edward Gray, Thos. Killigrew, and 50 others, to whom the office of licensing pedlars and petty chapmen was granted 24th May 1665, of the rent of 900 out of 1,000 marks, reserved to the Crown for the said licence. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 114.*]

Aug. 15.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Henry Lord Wotton to preserve the game near Hampstead, Middlesex, taking up all greyhounds, setting dogs, &c., and prosecuting all offenders. [*Case C., Charles II., No. 2.*]

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Aug. 15. 134. Warrant from Lord Arlington to a messenger of the Chamber
Whitehall. to repair to Yarmouth, Norfolk, and bring the postmaster there
up in safe custody before his lordship.

Aug. 15. 135. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The shallop has been unable to
Dover. reach the fleet, because Thos. Harwood, the commander of the Drake,
undervaluing Lord [Arlington's] protection, took away two of her
men. Is desired to return the boat to the custom house, and Stephen
Rogers, the former cowardly master, is to be continued. The
Nieuport packet brings tidings that the English fleet is riding
between the Texel and the Maes, and the Holland fleet of 100
sail nearly ready to come out. The Calais packet says the French
will not believe that the Dutch are beaten. Four of the King's
frigates, come from the Downs, are cruising in the Narrows.

Aug. 15. 136. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. The frigates in the Narrows are
5 P.M., Dover. Swedes bound for London, laden with pitch and tar, and a Danish
ship laden with deals. The Swedes are fixed in the English interest,
and durst not stir till news was brought that the Dutch were
beaten; the French begin to speak of peace.

Aug. 15. 137. John Pocock to James Hickes. A boat from Jersey says
Weymouth. they are very ready there to meet any opposition, and that Sir
Thos. Morgan, the governor, has lain in the field every night these
six weeks. Several persons in those islands have sent their goods
into the parts about Weymouth, for fear of an enemy. A fresh foot
company has been sent into the Isle of Portland. and the old ones
are to be otherwise disposed of.

Aug. 15. 138. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The John and Thomas
has brought in two Dutch fly-boats, laden with corn, hemp, &c.

Aug. 15. 139. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. On the 10th, the Dublin
Chester. militia were in the field, and the Lord Lieutenant was present.
Capt. Johnson has gone in search of two or three capers, which pester
the coasts about Youghall, and have taken several vessels.

Aug. 15. 140. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Mr. Jones, Lord
Chester. Derby's man, took 470*l.*, the remainder of Lancashire militia money,
preserved in a chest in the castle, which, with 300*l.* more received a
month ago, is to be returned to Sir Stephen Fox, according to an
order from the Earl and some of his deputy lieutenants. The
whole sum that came to the castle was 1,120*l.*, but 350*l.* was
delivered for the use of the militia there.

Aug. 15. 141. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A French sloop has taken
Lynn. a Wells vessel, laden with malt and barley for Newcastle, a little
north of Ingoldmiles. Report of the attack on the Vlie island;
Lynn is free from the plague, but much visited with fever.

Aug. 15. 142. John Knight to Williamson. The prisoners taken in the
West Cowes. French man-of-war, and put on shore by Capt. Leonard Guy, com-
mander of the Paradox, were yesterday carried to Mandland House,
near Winchester.

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- Aug. 15. 143. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Conceives that he has heard
Yarmouth. from Sir Phil. Howard and Col. Seymour, who landed on Monday
and went off for London, of the attack on the Schelling. The fleet
is at anchor in Southwold Bay.
- Aug. 15. 144. T. Hodges to Williamson. Sends the news of which men's
Custom House. heads are full. *Prefixing,*
144. I. Thos. Cole to ———. *The Virginia ships, 8 or 10, with
10 or 12 more from foreign parts, were waited for by 6
privateers; Capt. Robt. Saunders, of the St. Patrick,
took 3 and sunk the other 3. Letters from Flanders
report that the English have burned a small village near
Scheveling. The Dover Castle, late the Lenox, has sent in
a wine and brandy prize, the men escaping in their boats.
Dover, Aug. 12, 1666.*
- Aug. 15. 145. Earl of Carbery to Williamson. Has not received Lord
Golden Grove. Arlington's answers to his dispatches. Sends a Merionethshire
address, to be put amongst the rest of the North Wales papers sent
in his last dispatches.
- Aug. 15. 146. Wm. Waynflet to Sir Wm. Doyley, Bart. Has attended
Southwold. the generals on board the Royal James, and told them that Sir
William waited there two nights for them, and had left the writer
strict charge to be careful of the sick, wounded, and prisoners. The
latter will be sent to-morrow; has asked the assistance of Sir John
Rous's soldiers. The fleet will remain there some days. The Ham-
burg fleet passed on Saturday, but the generals did not see them.
At the Vlie, 160 Holland ships and 1,000 houses were burnt, and 20
prizes brought away; the Hollanders lost four millions sterling.
The fleet is in gallant posture, few sick on board.
- Aug. 15. 147. Robt. Gray to James Hicke. A ship was taken off the
Boston. shore last week, by a sloop which has haunted the coast a great
while. Capt. Murray, the Scotch privateer, was taken by a Dane
on the coast of Norway, after a stout dispute; 150 Dutch ships are
going for the East country, by several fleets.
- Aug. 15. 148. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Danish fleet is
Hull. riding before Copenhagen, and the Swedes' fleet attending their
motions. The Dane has two or three men-of-war cruising about
Elsinore. The sea is full of Holland merchantmen trading to and
from Sweden, and so into the Baltic seas. There are reports of
squadrons of the English fleet having beaten the men-of-war that
were to guard the Holland fishing busses, and sunk or taken 80
busses.
- Aug. 15. 149. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The St. Patrick, having
9 P.M. failed to find the fleet, stood southward, but must have seen it come
Aldborough. to anchor in Southwold Bay and have heard the salutes. Asks him
to write to Paine, the postmaster at Saxmundham, who grumbles
at and neglects the expresses sent.

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- Aug. 15. 150. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. By contrary winds and calms, they have been delayed reaching there earlier. The Gottenburg fleet passed on Sunday, and the four Hamburg ships and 20 victuallers, with only two convoys, have gone to seek the fleet between the Vlie and Texel; four or five frigates were left cruising to give notice where it was gone, so hopes they will join it safely. The generals long to know how the burning of the ships and town is taken in Holland. Sir Robt. Holmes is satisfied that his promise to the Dane for guiding them in is made good. He is very capable of good counsel.
- Aug. 15. 151. Note that on Aug. 15, the English fleet was seen about the Maes and Scheveling, steering for the North, and was supposed undoubtedly to make for the Texel and the Vlie.
- Aug. 15. 152. Thos. Lewsley to [the Navy Comrs.] Particulars of a Chatham Dock. parcel of oak timber belonging to Mr. Willmot, at Feversham and Otterden. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 153. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Sends his accounts Bristol. for money disbursed in fitting out the St. Patrick, and for masts bought and put aboard the Friezland; has 808*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* due upon the former account for the Mermaid and Fox frigate; begs an order upon the collector of customs; also payment of 100*l.* due for timber supplied to Fras. Baylie for the building of his last new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 16. 154. Certificate by Capt. Geo. Watson, that Gregory Headley, surgeon of the Mermaid, has received no recruit of stores since his first six months' service. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 16. 155. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Friezland was Portsmouth Dockyard. in port and partly unladen before contrary orders arrived; she is now taking all things on board again, and by night will be ready to sail; no ship has yet arrived for the New England masts. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 16. 156. Capt. Geo. Erwin and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. The ship Daniel is received, with her rigging, tackle, and furniture, according to particulars in the inventory. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*
156. 1. *Computation by John Tooker of the tonnage of the lading of the Daniel; total, 175 tons 10 cwt.*
- Aug. 16. 157. Jo. Man to Williamson. The Martin has sailed, convoying Swansea. several colliers, and will take others from Milford to Land's End. The country is quiet, and hopes to reap advantage from the late victory over the Dutch.
- Aug. 16. 158. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sends a relation from a friend Harwich. on board the Rupert; three or four ships are come from the fleet to be fitted; a captain says the Dutch will be out in two or three days,

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fitted or not fitted, manned or not manned, and the people are so hot that they are ready to stone them out. Several ships have come in to be refitted, and others have gone to the fleet. *Encloses,*

158. I. ——— to [Silas Taylor]. *Particulars of Sir Rob. Holmes' attack on the vessels in the Vlie and the Schelling: the ships were piloted by a Dutch reformado; great riches were burnt in the town, and more in the ships, some of which were bound southwards and some for Russia. Some seamen and soldiers got good plunder, though strict orders were given to the contrary. The English only lost five or six men. The Rupert, Sole Bay, Aug. 15*

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159. Dr. Richardson to Edm. Custis, of Bruges. Thanks for good news of his son, whom he believed cast away in his ship. Is of no party but that of Jesus against wickedness. Desires the ruin of no man, especially not of his native country nor King, and concerns himself not in the war, but prays for the safety of the place and people where he enjoys the freedom which few kings on earth are willing to give; greater things are on the wheel, and hopes soon to be found on Mount Zion. Is willing to correspond with him and outvie him in affection, if he can serve him, but has a great throng of business, and meddles little in public affairs. The English have lost far more in the engagement than the Hollanders, who want neither courage nor accord. The game is not up, as will be perceived before the week is at an end. [*Damaged. With note by Custis that he knows not whether the writer be in jest or earnest.*]

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Antwerp.

160. [Aphara Behn to Mr. Halsall]. Has had an interview with Celadon [Wm. Scott], taking a coach and going a day's journey with him for an opportunity of speaking to him; though at first shy, he became by arguments extremely willing to undertake the service, but said she must go to Holland, as [Bampfield] hardly suffers him out of his sight, especially to go to Flanders, being the most jealous creature alive of the English officers about him. Celadon intends to resign his place in the troops, and accept some office less troublesome, and where he can do more effectually what she desires. He thought some time ago, of corresponding with Lord Arlington, but was prevented. [Bampfield] hides nothing from him, but watches all his actions so closely that he fears difficulty in sending what he writes. All the English are infinitely dissatisfied with [Bampfield], and most of them resolve to quit his troop and address themselves to the [States], from whom they expect more civility than from him who has drawn them in, and tries to keep them from such applications. Thinks she must venture to the Hague rather than miss what he promises, but Sir Ant. Desmarces, with whom she sailed, and to whom she told her business, advises her not to go to Holland. The man in Ludgate is a base rogue; he left, promising to set up a correspondence in all English seaports, and to let the Hollanders know when any merchant ships went out. Has spent the 40*l.* she brought with her, and wants money. Sends a cypher in single characters, which is easier than the double one she was to employ. [*4 pages; the words in parentheses are in cypher.*]

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Fleet Prison.

161. George Carew to Lord Arlington. Recapitulates his past services, in writing a treatise on the Crown revenue, refraining from making a claim for 9,000*l.* due to him on behalf of his first wife, from the estates of Sir Wm. Courteen and Sir Paul Pindar, to whom the late King owed 50,000*l.*; also to his share in a debt of 200,000*l.* to the Farmers of Customs; also to the soil of Barbadoes, as the property of Sir Wm. Courteen, the first planter; but having, by a special exception in the treaty with the States General, been granted letters of reprisal against the Dutch, for injuries suffered by Courteen and Pindar in the East Indies, begs that his patent may not be recalled by proclamation till he is heard.

Aug. 16.
Gatehouse.

162. Petition of Willm. Goodman, prisoner at the Gatehouse, to Lord Arlington, for leave to answer on oath the charges against him, and for release on sufficient bail for good behaviour; has been kept close prisoner since August 3, through information given against him.

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Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of the petition of Col. Wm. Legg, for a grant of the making and selling of tobacco pipes. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 218.]

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Harwich.

163. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. The greatest part of the fleet has arrived in Oseley Bay.

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Royal James,
Sole Bay.

164. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The victuallers and Hamburg fleet of 30 sail, which went to the coast of Holland to find the English fleet, have returned and joined them, except the Breda, which indiscreetly ran ashore too near the coast, and could not be moved off, as were several victuallers who had also run ashore; knows not how the other men-of-war will answer for not sending their boats to fetch off the men. The fleet told the Little Mary of it, and she made towards the Breda, but found about her 12 or 13 Holland smacks that had carried away all the men. The Mary fired the vessel and came away. This is a great prejudice to the King's affairs, considering what a trophy will be made of the men as prisoners. The watering places in the bay are bad, and the supply of beer is insufficient; the supernumeraries taken in the last expedition make the supply of victuals short, and six men are put to four men's allowance; the victuals should be hastened with all speed. The convoy sent for the Hamburg ships can bring home those there already laden for England. An Ostender from Bergen reports that the Hollanders are expecting their East India fleet, which is later than it has been known. The generals are very impatient for news of the Holland fleet's coming out again, and of the temper they were in after the firing of their ships and town. A Nieupoort skipper reports them in great distress for want of men; the seamen running away daily, and the landmen refusing to be sent on board; the general thinks they will not come out again to fight this year; Prince [Rupert] is of a different opinion, and they have laid a wager of five pieces upon it. The last success makes the whole fleet anxious to do something; the common men want to

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attack Bergen, if the East India fleet have got in there, or Elisnore, or to cut the banks and drown much of Holland; specifies the difficulties of these several enterprises, and hopes no temptation will induce separation of the fleet, without a certainty that the Dutch will not come out. The generals should remember that the safety of England lies with them, and that, unless the enemy be first beaten, an attack would be hazardous, and their successes would be greatly diminished, if they were only repulsed without loss.

Money must be ready to pay off the great ships against they come in, if the King's credit is to be preserved, if men obtained or kept another year, and if discipline preserved in the fleet. Parliament will grant supplies more readily when they are converted to the right use, and if not, any good motions that way might be obstructed under the common pretence of how it is expended. Has observed in their grants of money, that if the sum be large and bountiful, it is always given on a sudden, and the success of the ready payment of the men would be inducements to them to do handsomely at the first meeting; but if they inspect, as they call it, they will not do what they ought. The Royal Charles and other ships at Sheerness and Harwich should be hastened to the fleet. The Prince and Duke want double the number of the six fire-ships ordered, as some were spent this last expedition. Has been on shore to see the 600 or 700 sick men well provided for, and the 100 prisoners taken in the merchant ships well secured. The prizes are in ill case, for there is no one to take care of them, and the generals are unwilling to spare men to carry them into port. A London commissioner should be posted down; the whole affair is in much confusion. [8 pages.]

Aug. 16.
Portsmouth.

165. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. Thanks for his Gazette and mortality [bill].

Aug. 16.
Edinburgh.

166. R. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. A proclamation is issued for thanksgiving for the victory over the Dutch. More prizes come in, which keep life in the merchants, who else would be ruined for want of trade; that with Ostend, Bruges, and other places infected with plague is now forbidden by proclamation from Council. The levies go forward well, and one troop or another rendezvous daily.

Aug. 16.
Queen's
College,
Oxford.

167. J. B[eeby] to Williamson. Has received his noble present of a silver trumpet and two pairs of banners. The provost and all the company highly extol them, and are very grateful for them. The trumpet was long sounded in the quadrangle; wine was drunk through the hall, and venison pasties were at every table, there being a whole buck from Lady Foster of Aldermaston, beside his from Woodstock. Only wanted Williamson's tutor [Lamplugh], who was at Charleton with his lady's relations, Williamson's godson Joseph being dead.

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- Aug. 17. 1. Dr. Thos. Barlow to Williamson. Thanks him, in the name of
Queen's the society, for his present to the college; most welcome, not only
College, for its cost and curiosity, but for its congruity to them, who by
Oxford. statute are to be called to dinner with a trumpet, though fitter for
him to give than for a poor college to receive, to call them to a mess
of pottage and twopenny commons. It will be used on all solemn
days, but at other times their old brass trumpet will serve the turn.
Thanks for his venison.
- Aug. 17. 2. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Fountain frigate, now
Hull. in Burlington Bay, has sent all particulars of the burning of Schelling
at which she was present. Hears that 30 Dutch merchantmen were
taken by the fleet, going for the Texel.
- Aug. 17. 3. P. Manaton to Williamson. A Dutch privateer took a small
Custom House, Holland vessel bound for that port, and two others supposed to be
Barnstaple. from Ireland.
- Aug. 17. 4. John Maurice to James Hicke. The Harp frigate is forced
Minehead. in there by westerly winds. The Dartmouth is expected to convoy
seven or eight ships which are ready at Cork, having 600 bags of
wool and other things on board.
- Aug. 17. 5. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet still continues in
Newcastle. harbour. The light ships that came last are most of them laden, and
all will sail together the first fair wind; there are 400 sail of ships
in the harbour. Thinks the fleet must be gone northward, as two
provision ketches sent could not meet with it, and have returned
to Burlington.
- Aug. 17. 6. John Clarke to James Hicke. Those parts are free from any
Plymouth. contagious disease.
- Aug. 17. 7. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Martin is in harbour to
Pembroke. convoy some ships to Plymouth. There are no men-of-war on the
Irish coast. There has been a scandalous report of Lord Arlington's
being committed to the Tower; thinks it is a Welshman's mistake,
because the Gazette spoke of his lordship as wishing to release
some one.
- Aug. 17. 8. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. To the same effect.
- Aug. 17. 9. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The plague in Sandwich is nearly
Walmer. as bad as in Deal; 60 houses have broken out in one parish; the
distemper is in most places within six or seven miles. It is reported
that Sir Rob. Holmes burnt Scheveling and 150 merchantmen; that
the Dutch seek a peace, and that the French King has fulfilled the

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proverb, done nothing with 40,000 men but "go up the hill and come down," and that he has sent an ambassador to the King. "Our common people cry out peace with Holland and war with the unworthy French."

Aug. 17. 10. Ja. Reade to Williamson. On the 15th, at 2 p.m., the fleet
Royal James. arrived safe in Southwold Bay, and the victuallers, who had been to the coast of Holland to seek it, joined it next morning. Are taking in provisions, and if stores be hastened, hope to be at sea again in a few days. Sir Wm. Penn has arrived, and the fleet from the Buoy in the North. The Royal Charles is in sight.

[Aug. 17.] 11. Sir Chris. Gyse to Williamson. Thanks for his letter and the
Bath. week's news.

Aug. 17. 12. Petition of two Clerks of the Cheque and 40 Messengers of the Chamber in ordinary to the King, to hear their cries and preserve them from ruin and scorn, by speedy payment of their arrears of three years, due at Midsummer last. Have left all other employments, and spent all their time and service for His Majesty, and now are so in debt that they have lost their credit.

Aug. 17. Warrant to — Wickham to deliver William Barret to the Warden of the Fleet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 115.*]

Aug. 17. Warrant to the Warden of the Fleet to take William Barret and keep him safe prisoner, for assaulting the head borough of Hackney and the officers collecting the hearth money, and for inciting the people against payment of that duty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 115.*]

Aug. 17. 13. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The colliers taken up to carry water cask to the fleet will hold 200 tons more than the 600 tons first given in; asks whether they are to receive their full lading, or the 600 tons only. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 17. 14. Capt. Geo. Erwin and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. The ship Robert is received, with her rigging, tackle, and furniture, according to inventory. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 17. 15. Similar letter of receipt of the ship Joseph. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 17. 16. Similar letter of receipt of the ship Hopeful Adventure, with an account of her rigging, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 17. 17. Appraisement, by John Proud and two others, of ten hired merchant ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 17. 18. Capt. Henry Ady, of the Castle frigate, to the Navy Comrs.
Newcastle. The Flying Greyhound is still under repair and cannot sail until Wednesday. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Aug. 17.
Newcastle. 19. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Account of the repairs needed for the Flying Greyhound. The Prize Comrs. will take out the guns, as there is no appraisement of them in the Lord Commissioners' order. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18.
Newcastle. 20. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Progress of the repairs of the Flying Greyhound. The Richmond frigate is arrived from the fleet before Vlie, with news of 150 of the enemy's merchant ships and four men-of-war being burned by some small frigates and fire-ships, in the East India channel. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18.
Harwich. 21. Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Comrs. Hopes to sail to-morrow; should have been at sea before, but for a number of ships coming into harbour, with an express to be forthwith refitted; has had great trouble and expense in procuring his men; has 15 mounted guns on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18.
Bristol. 22. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Land carriage of timber is the only obstruction to the building of a third-rate ship; that being remedied, and a supply of money effected, the business may proceed and answer expectations, as to place, safety, men, and whatever else may be thought an obstacle. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18.
Dover. 23. Thos. White to Sam. Pepys. Put all the carpenters of the town to work upon the repairs of the Golden Sun. Got a warrant from the governor of Dover Castle to impress 20 able seamen; gave eight tickets to Sir Wm. Harvey's man who had orders to give good wages and make an agreement with men, on which he hired a master and eight men; these brought 12 of their neighbours, so that they are gone out with 20 able seamen; though much sickness continues in the town, stays there to take care of the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18.
Custom House. 24. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, Farmers of Customs, to the Navy Comrs. Have drawn already more money on Bristol than can be repaid for a considerable time; the Virginia and other plantation ships there cannot defray it; beg to be excused refusing this time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 18. 25. Petition of Sir John Hanmer and Fras. Berkeley to the King, for a patent for two lives, in reversion after Hen. Wynn, of the office of Prothonotary for cos. Merioneth, Carnarvon, and Anglesey.
- Aug. 18.
Whitby. 26. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Great shooting was heard at sea to the north-east, at 7 a.m. The light fleet has been twice put back to Bridlington by a strong northerly wind.
- Aug. 18.
Boston. 27. Robt. Gray to James Hikes. Lord Lindsey's troop of horse lay in Boston last night, and has marched for Lynn.
- Aug. 18.
Harwich. 28. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The East India Merchant has sailed towards the fleet. The Tiger and six other ships are refitting. Different reports about the cause of the loss of the Breda.

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The captain, lieutenant, and a few others got away to an English ship in their boat; the men are all prisoners; 10 or 12 good ships were left to cruise on the Holland coasts; the Dutch are in very low spirits, and will not come out unless forced.

Aug. 18. 29. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord [Arlington]. The Royal Charles
Royal James. and several other ships have come in; they are busy removing onto the Royal Charles. The victuallers and store ships make great dispatch in good weather; Mr. Deane, shipwright of Harwich, forwards things apace. The great want is fire-ships, and the Prince is much troubled that not one has yet come, and the number designed was not half sufficient. He and the Duke are pleased with Williamson's news that the Dutch fleets may probably come out to fight. The captain of the Elizabeth is turned out and Capt. Lightfoot of the Speedwell is in his place. A Commissioner of Prizes from London should come, with pilots and mariners, for the prizes. [2½ pages.]

Aug. 18. 30. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. Report from the fleet of Sir Rob.
York. Holmes' attack on the Vlie.

Aug. 18. 31. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. A French pickeroon took
Bridgewater. two vessels, plundered them, and then turned them off, except the masters, one of whom had to pay 20*l.* for his ransom, and the other, who had fired some guns before yielding, is to pay 60*l.*

Aug. 18. 32. Ben. Gaich, mayor of Weymouth, to Williamson. The gentle-
Weymouth. woman named had sailed a day before his letter came to hand. Will forward that to Sir Thos. Morgan. Endorsed is part of a bond of Lancelott Welch, of Puddletreatlidge, co. Dorset, and two others in 500*l.* to the corporation of Weymouth, dated Aug. 14, 1666.

Aug. 18. 33. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his of the 14th.
Weymouth. Has no news.

Aug. 18. 34. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden coal fleet still continues
Newcastle. there.

Aug. 18. 35. List of 62 ships at Newcastle, in the week ending August 18,
1666.

Aug. 18. 36. John Bower to James Hickes. Hopes the good news from the
Bridlington. fleet has been confirmed.

Aug. 18. 37. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, to
Whitehall. pay to George Tomlins, the King's embellisher, writer, and flourisher, 20*l.* for writing and embellishing letters to Sultan Mahomet and his vizier Azem.

Aug. 18. 38. Warrant for the establishment of 3*s.* a day for fire and candles
for the King's guards in the Isle of Wight, to begin from August 18, 1666; total yearly cost, 54*l.* 12*s.* Signed by the King and Lords Albemarle and Arlington.

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Aug. 19.
Dover.

39. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Philip [Frowde]. Announces the arrival of Sir Philip's son, who is not well; will give him advice and assistance. A vessel, sent express from Boulogne to Flushing for tidings, reports that De Ruyter is dead of his wounds, and that the Hollanders are troubled at their losses in the Vlie and Schelling.

Aug. 19.
Florence.

40. Sir Bernard Gascoigne to Williamson. Wishes to know whether the Secretary will allow a pension of 100*l.* a year to any one who will supply proper avisos. [2 pages.]

Aug. 19.
Royal Charles,
Southwold Bay.

41. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. They are hard at work fitting themselves for further action, which seems at hand; have 84 good men-of-war, but only 6 fire-ships, which are much wanted; 12 more ships are either abroad or not yet returned from the ports where they were refitted. In the letter sent to the admirals about hanging up any of the King's subjects taken in service of the enemy, the Duke was by mistake placed before the Prince; also in the Gazette, the affair at the Vlie is spoken of as projected at a council of war, whereas the glory belongs entirely to the admirals.

Aug. 19.
Falmouth.

42. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. An Ostender, laden with wine and brandy, brought in by Capt. Hall, has been cleared and gone to sea.

Aug. 19.
Naworth.

43. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Nothing can be done about Williamson's election till Parliament meets, and the writ is sent down. Will then be in London, unless required in those parts, but Sir Phil. Musgrave reports a design amongst the Quakers. Has given the Bishop of Durham notice, as some persons named live in his lieutenancy. Will search to the bottom of it, but cannot think it formidable, unless foreign foes should land, of which there is no great hazard this year. Hears from Scotland that all is quiet, except some trouble in the island of Mull, about raising assessments. Should any trouble happen, the fort of Inverness may be mischievous, for it can be repaired in three days so as to be hard to take, and the malcontents intend to make that use of it. The packet not yet coming by Newcastle, cannot hear from Scotland in any reasonable time. [2 pages.]

Aug. 19.
Dover.

44. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Sir Thos. Teddeman is reported to have met 14 Holland merchantmen and 6 men-of-war, sunk 2 men-of-war and taken the rest. Sieur Pubell, the King's envoy to Munster, who has returned, refuses all duties to the port or officers, so that the clerk of the passage's place, worth little already, will come to nothing at last. The sickness increases daily. News from Calais reports De Ruyter dead.

Aug. 19.
Plymouth.

45. John Clarke to Williamson. The Guernsey has come in with 2 vessels of the town from the Caribbee Islands, but the men have not yet come ashore.

Aug. 19.

46. John Clarke to James Hicke. To the same effect.

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Aug. 19.
Berwick.

47. M. Scott to Williamson. A Swedish ship, laden with flax for Newcastle, has put in there for fear of the Dutch. Several prizes have been brought into Leith road.

Aug. 19.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

48. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has agreed for 200 dozen of oars, at 24s. per 100 feet., without handspikes; the Friezland is reladen, and waits for convoy; the masts shall be sent as directed; 40s. per ton is the ready-money price for English hemp; the name of London bills is a bugbear to all the people in the country; had received news before of the firing of 160 of the enemy's ships and a town; knows not how Mr. Archer's fees come to be so great; the examination was taken by Capt. Johnson, and written by the town clerk; advises that this time they should be paid, being zealous to prosecute the business to the full; hopes two or three of the thieves will be hanged; it is not an admiralty cause, but the robbing of a house; has an old rogue now in prison, a thief and receiver for 60 years; has spared him many times in pity to his white hairs, "as white as junk;" he is now incorrigible and must be hanged; the 300*l.* ordered for the sick people is not yet paid; the plague increases; particulars of masts made and repaired. [*Adm. Paper*, 3½ pages.]

Aug. 19.
Plymouth.

49. Capt. Thos. Scott, of the Little Victory, to the Navy Comrs. Has expended 4*l.* in impressing seamen; is about to set sail in company with the Warwick. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Aug. 19.
Plymouth.

50. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Can get good Gottenburg masts from 15 to 18 palms, but from 19 to 22 palms none are to be had for money; the two deal board ships will want many things, being so much plundered. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Aug. 20.
Conpill.

51. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Begs an order from the Lord Treasurer for felling beeches in the Lea Baly, to carry on the new third-rate ship; has treated about the place of building, and finds encouragement therein. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Aug. 20.
Yarmouth.

52. Rich. Gibson to Sam. Pepys. Would willingly visit the fleet to examine the victualling accounts, but there will be difficulties in the want of time and of the convenience of a boat, in the unwillingness of the pursers to give fair accounts, in the uncertainty of the date of indent, &c.; has sent on two victualling ships to the fleet; hopes they may go safely so small a way without convoy. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Aug. 20.
Pembroke.

53. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The Martin is in harbour with the colliers she is to convoy, waiting for a fair wind.

Aug. 20.

54. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 20.
Hague.

55. Rob. Yard to Williamson. Came thither yesterday with Lord Stafford, who has been very kind to him in their journey. Has found out Mr. Buys, and intends to learn French from his son.

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56. Petition of Lady Dorothy, relict of Sir William Clark, to the King, for settlement of a pension from the receipts of Kent and Sussex, on herself and her only son, an infant, in consideration of the irreparable loss of her husband, slain at sea in His Majesty's service.

Aug. 20.
Coventry.

57. Ralph Hope to Williamson. About four or five years ago, Sir Wm. Underhill, of Warwickshire, happened to wound desperately, with a pistol, Walter Devereux of the same county, who obtained a verdict against him of 1,500*l.* damages; Sir William refusing to pay, his lands at Idlicot, near Stratford-on-Avon, were extended, but Sir William forcibly kept possession of the house, notwithstanding several attempts, till at length the sheriff gave Devereux full possession; he had not enjoyed it many days before a party of Sir William's men made a forcible entry, drawing out Devereux's men, killing one and wounding others, and some of Sir William's men were wounded also. There was not one malefactor tried at the assizes, and only one nisi prius case, the parents of a scholar at the free school suing the master for having given their son a box on the ear. At Warwick, one woman was condemned for felony, and at Leicester one man for stealing. The smallpox is brisk but favourable. In Northamptonshire the sickness rages extremely, especially in Peterborough, Oundle, and Newport Pagnell, in which last, though a market town, only 700 or 800 people are left. At Cambridge it is so sore that the harvest can hardly be gathered in, though 7*s.* a day is offered to labourers. The tidings of the success of the fleet were received with great joy in the city.

Aug. 20.
Norwich.

58. Robt. Scrivener to [Williamson]. The magistrates have ordered the market to be removed to a place half a mile from the city; last Saturday was the time to keep it there, but no one came except one poor Quaker, who was hooted out of the new market, so that it will probably come to nothing. Fears an increase in this week's bill [of mortality].

Aug. 20.
Truro.

59. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All are waiting confirmation of the news of taking divers prisoners at the Hague, and burning ships and houses at Scheveling.

Aug. 20.
Royal Charles.

60. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and extracts, which were given to the Prince and General. Will quicken his brother's secretaries to correspond with him. The letters to the fleet would come quicker if not sent to Harwich.

Aug. 20.
Swansea.

61. John Man to James Hickes. Thanks for the Gazettes. Has no news.

Aug. 20.
Southwold.

62. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Sir Thos. Clifford is ashore, and very active in the King's affairs. Surgeon-General Pearce has been there, but could not get aboard the fleet, so he went to see most of the wounded dressed. Prizes are brought into the fleet daily.

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Aug. 20.
Chester.

63 Ma. Anderton to James Hickes. Sends for his perusal the only letter he has ever written to Mr. Cook. Besides the weighty reasons he names, is obliged to serve Lord Arlington, being a servant to the Duke of Ormond, and there is now affinity between the two families. Is going with Sir Geoffry Shakerley to hunt a buck.

Aug. 20.
Yarmouth.

64. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two great prizes from Norway, of 400 tons each, taken by the Antelope, have joined the fleet. One prize or another passes almost daily.

Aug. 20.
Hull.

65. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. A Swedish vessel has arrived, and reports that the Danes and Hollanders, who were so big in their fancies that they would hardly give a civil answer to the King's allies and friends, are now very melancholy and humble, on news of the English victory. It is reported that Sir Thos. Allin and the fleet have taken many Holland merchantmen.

Aug. 20.

66. Note of five deaths from plague in three parishes [of London].

Aug. 20.
Havant, near
Portsmouth.

67. Lord Loughborough to Williamson. Hears that some of the nine troops are likely to continue, though others are to be disbanded. Begs Lord Arlington's favour, expecting nothing at court but by his intercession. His letters are to be sent to the Plough, over against the King's playhouse, Drury Lane.

Aug. 20.
Swansea.

68. John Man to Williamson. The vessels from Land's End report those coasts clear from pickeroons. The country is in good health and quiet.

Aug. 20.
Pendennis.

69. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The two men of Pendennis, supposed to be murdered by the French, have returned, the French privateer being taken by a frigate. The pretended Ostender who so falsely alleged against Capt. Hall, as appears on examination before Bart. Trelawney, has left the harbour, having given Capt. Hall a full discharge.

Aug. 20.
Carlisle.

70. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. Wants leave to attend the next meeting of Parliament, and at the end of Appleby Assizes designs to begin the journey, which he may call very long, in respect of his years and decay in strength. Has an account from Westmoreland of very suspicious expressions from Quakers, that they are agitating some rebellious design, and hope for a considerable party to assist them. Has sent intelligence to the Earl of Carlisle, who can best judge whether it only proceeds from brain-sick discontented men.

Aug. 20.

71. H. North to his sister. Directions about papers; his brother John was baptized at Stockwith, but questions whether registered or not, it being in the troublesome times. Places are hard to get, for the present war strikes all employment dead; those who kept clerks have now no use for them, but have called in their moneys, live privately, and do their own business; will come into the country himself, unless he can get employment; lives two miles out of London, and

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has had much to do when he goes there ; will try to get the grand Cyrus, but fears he may buy a wrong translation. Sends some physic, which is the most excellentest thing in England, and cheap at half a crown a spoonful ; it cures the plague, if anything can do it, also smallpox, measles, and an infinite number of other diseases. Private affairs. [3 pages.]

Aug. 20.
Glasgow.

72. Alexander Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Has not written lately, because the Archbishop of St. Andrews would give all needful tidings. The new militia are levying, and will be a safeguard against domestic discontent and foreign invasion. Had some great ones done their duty, this charge might have been spared, for the generality of people are loyal ; but the ejected ministers are very busy, and if the King had been beaten at sea, would have usurped their old charges, and spirited the people to rebellion. Some conventicles were held even in Edinburgh, where the courts were sitting.

Aug. 21.
Edinburgh.

73. R. M. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes' action at the Vlie raises the spirits, and was proclaimed by bells ringing and guns firing ; nine prizes are brought in within eight days, and more coming ; levies go on well.

Aug. 21.
Carisbrook
Castle.

74. Certificate by Thomas Lord Colepeper, governor of the Isle of Wight, that Edmund Rolph, prisoner in that castle, has obtained the King's leave to look after his own affairs for some time, and may therefore pass freely ; also certifying the freedom of the castle and whole island from any contagious disease. [Copy.]

Aug. 21.

The King to Sir Stephen Fox. He is to pay the three militia companies sent additional to the Isle of Wight for all the time they have served above the month to which they were obliged by Act of Parliament, counting from the first rendezvous to the day of their return to their respective hundreds. [Ent. Book 20, p. 129.]

Aug. 21.

The King to Lord Colepeper. The three foot companies of militia, drawn out of the neighbouring counties as an additional force for the Isle of Wight, will be detained beyond the month allowed by the Act. He is therefore to order a muster to be passed, accounting for the time in which they can reach their respective habitations, and to transmit the rolls to the commissary general of musters, in order that care may be taken for their pay accordingly, and then to dismiss them. [Ent. Book 17, p. 200.]

[Aug. 21.]

75. Draft of the two preceding letters.

Aug. 21.
Whitehall.

76. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to discharge Nathaniel Desbrowe, he having entered bond for his good behaviour.

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Minute of the above. [Ent. Book 23, p. 224.]

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- Aug. 21. Reference, as desired, of the petition of Rich. Wine to the Lord Privy Seal, [Lord Chief Justice] of Common Pleas, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and Justice Tyrrell, who are to consider his propositions, and report thereon to His Majesty. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 219.*]
- Aug. 21. 77. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. Sir Thos. Clifford has gone to Royal Charles, Southwold Bay. Southwold to look after some sick and wounded there. Is anxious to know what impression the action at the Vlie has made on the enemy's counsels, and whether it will quicken or retard their coming out. The fleet will go to their coast in a few days, and hopes to make news worth writing. A very good Rotterdam wine and brandy prize of 300 tons is taken, and is the 85th, great and small, taken since the fleet came out.
- Aug. 21. 78. Ja. Hayes to [Williamson]. Sends letters for Lord Arlington and the Earl of Craven from the Prince, and for a groom of the privy bedchamber, and a friend at Lord Lauderdale's from himself.
- Aug. 21. 79. Ja. Reade to Williamson. Bad weather hinders the taking Royal Charles, Southwold Bay. in of provisions. The greatest want is beer; the men are healthy and courageous; hopes the collier fleet will come and furnish more men. Prizes come in daily; they have taken good store of masts; all long to go to sea, and the fleet is stronger than ever.
- Aug. 21. 80. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Prizes are daily passing by Aldborough. from the fleet southward.
- Aug. 21. 81. Col. Walter Slingsby to [Williamson]. The business in the Isle of Wight is that Lady Wandesford sent to Holland for some persons skilful in draining lands; on their arrival, they said that the Dutch would first attack the Isle of Wight, as being the most commodious place, half Channel through; the story is improbable.
- Aug. 21. 82. Robt. Mills to Williamson. Is sorry to have no news to Portsmouth. requite his.
- Aug. 21. 83. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A Hamburgher reports that Newcastle. 10 days ago, at North Bergen, were neither East Indiamen nor other merchant ships of the Dutch, except such as came to load there. In Burlington Bay are 24 light hoys and two men-of-war, waiting to come to Newcastle.
- Aug. 21. 84. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Merchantmen, supposed to be Walmer. Dutch, are sailing at the back of the Goodwin. The distemper decreases in Deal. Three quarters of those who stayed in the town are dead; it encreases in Sandwich. The Isle of Thanet and city of Canterbury are clear.
- Aug. 21. 85. P. Manaton to Williamson. Wants two or three passes for Custom House, Barnstaple. vessels of Barnstaple to go to Newfoundland; if they may be procured, will send all particulars.

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Harwich.

86. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Saturday the generals removed back from the Royal James to the Royal Charles. They show great care; they are dispatching away 20 more prizes from the fleet. Hears now that none of the Breda's men have escaped being made prisoners by the Dutch; the captain was Capt. Page, who lost his arm in the late engagement. There is a false report of the blowing up of the Vanguard.

Aug. 21.
Plymouth.

87. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Caribbee vessels report that at Mevis are 5,000 or 6,000 men, under command of Lord Willoughby's kinsman, and more expected from Barbadoes and other islands, to fall upon St. Christopher's. The Oporto Merchant from Jamaica reports that last May, four privateers from thence possessed themselves of the Island of Providence, which the Spaniards had, and that Capt. Sam. Smith was to be sent over to govern the island.

Aug. 21.
Plymouth.

88. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Three ships of Plymouth from Antigua and Mevis report Mevis in great danger of being surprised by the French. At Antigua, strict guard is kept for fear of the negroes. The French have sent no supplies to St. Christopher's.

Aug. 21.

89. J. Sotherne to Thos. Hayter. If the purser of the Falcon has his security ready and approved, it may be taken and his warrant delivered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 21.
Vicuallling
Office.

90. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Desires press warrants and protection for the vessels pitched upon for carrying beer to the fleet; as soon as the broad arrow was set upon them, the men ran ashore and absented themselves; list of the five ships, and names of their masters. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 21.

91. Thos. Lewis to Mr. Whistler. Begs that Mr. Pepys may be reminded of jacks for the ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 21.
Newcastle.

92. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. The Flying Greyhound is ready to sail; must hire a master, and beg some men of Capt. Ady to take her to Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 21.
Plymouth.

93. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Constant Warwick and Victory have departed to their stations, and three West India merchantmen arrived. Several small sloops lie on the coast, preventing the colliers in their voyage. Begs orders to John Lanyon for a boat, and that the men may be borne upon the hulk. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 22.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

94. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Friezland is at Spithead, with a ketch from Bristol laden with powder and shot; will order the Deptford ketch to see them into the Downs. No ship has yet arrived for the masts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 22.
Southwold.

95. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Thanks for papers. Has been unwell. They are getting stores and provisions on board, and hope to be at sea by the end of the week.

Aug. 22.
Southwold.

96. Sir Rob. Holmes to Lord [Arlington]. Thanks for his last; will take more care in future to give no advantage to his enemies by what he says in his heat, and to follow the good counsel of his lordship or Sir Thos. Clifford. Has been on shore since coming into the road, but is better, and will go on board to-night. Begs his mediation to reconcile George Hamilton, a very deserving person, to the King. The fleet is taking in provisions and stores, and hopes to be ready to sail by the end of the week. [2 pages.]

Aug. 22.

Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to assign upon the late Royal Aid divers sums as specified for the service of different departments of the Royal household, being part of 100,000*l.* formerly ordered by privy seal to Sir George Carteret, vice chamberlain, and also to assign on the same 2,000*l.* for Lord Arlington, and 5,100*l.*, the residue of the said 100,000*l.*, for some purpose most expedient for the service. [Ent. Book 23, pp. 115-7.]

Aug. 22.

Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to discharge the Hope of Hamburg, and deliver it to the master. [Ent. Book 23, p. 117.]

Aug. 22.

The King to Sir George Carteret. He is to borrow 20,000*l.* at the best rates he can, for supply of the navy, especially providing for widows and orphans, discharging pay tickets, and fitting out fire-ships, the moneys to be repaid out of those which the Farmers of Customs have agreed to advance. [Ent. Book 23, p. 117.]

[Aug. 22.] 97. Draft of the above.

Aug. 22.

Warrant for [a letter of privy seal] as follows:—The King to the Officers of the Exchequer. A grant was made April 12, 1662, to the Earl of Berkshire, of 8,000*l.*, to be paid by 1,000*l.* yearly by the receiver of Yorkshire, but it was not paid, most of the revenue of that county being settled on the Queen; therefore June 25, 1666, it was assigned on the receivers of cos. Somerset, Dorset, or other counties, 5,000*l.* to be paid to the Earl and 3,000*l.* to his daughter, Lady Eliz. Dryden; but on account of the great extremity of the Earl's affairs, the money is now to be assigned upon the receiver general of rents. [Ent. Book 23, pp. 118-20.]

[Aug. 22.] 98. Draft of the above.

Aug. 22.
Dover.

99. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Has gone to live in the country, as many more do, on account of the increase of the sickness. Has sent answers to the charges against him, and hopes not to be obliged to come up again, by the instigation of that troublesome Mr. Edy. Will send the bill of charges of the shallop; it might

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have been spared had it been known that the Dutch would have fought so near their own coasts. The only news is that the French and Dutch cry "*lacrimi*" (*sic*).

Aug. 22. 100. John Pocock to James Hickes. Could not write last time, as
Weymouth. the post went out half an hour before its time; has no news.

Aug. 22. 101. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. A Bristol ship, the Elias,
Bristol. bound for Lisbon, very rich with English commodities, discovered the French fleet there, and could not stand to sea for the wind; she clapped up Dutch colours, passed through the midst of the French fleet, and when under the castle, put up English colours. The Duke [of Beaufort] sent his long boat to fetch the master and some of the men aboard, to be satisfied of the cheat, and though vexed, dismissed them, with a check for their incivility in not saluting him as they passed by. Some Dutch prisoners at Bristol, who had the liberty of the town, had plotted to fire a pile of faggots at the quay, which would have fired all the ships in port and burnt most of the town, but a maid where they lodged, understanding Dutch, discovered it to the mayor, who took them in the fact, and has committed them to prison.

Aug. 22. 102. L. Whittington to James Hickes. The Fountain has come in
Hull. to victual, and will then take some light colliers from Burlington to Newcastle.

Aug. 22. 103. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Has no news at present.
Falmouth.

Aug. 22. 104. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Repeats his letter to Hickes
Falmouth. of Aug. 19. Three privateers are still in harbour; two or three prizes are to be sold next week.

Aug. 22. 105. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A new-raised foot company
Yarmouth. has come from Worcester, which is to be joined to the Duke of York's regiment, and three companies more are expected. Two frigates from the fleet have been on board the light colliers, to press their men. A small Danish prize, taken by the Sorlings, one of the Gottenburg fleet convoys, left that fleet last Friday in sight of the Naes, where were about 20 Swedish men-of-war. Is glad his service is acceptable, and will continue it, though 60*l.* out of purse by it.

Aug. 22. 106. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Little Mary, perceiving
Harwich. by moonlight that the Breda was aground, went up to her, found her bulged, and all the men on shore and made prisoners, and so set her on fire. Many mast prizes have lately been sent in. It is said that the Dutch fleet, near 60 sail, is set out, and chased the Little Mary home. The English fleet is 100 men-of-war. Questions the intention of the Dutch to fight.

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107. Petition of George Tomlin, His Majesty's embellisher, flourisher, and writer, to the King, to order Sir Rob. Long to pay to Sir Edw. Griffin for him 236*l.*, due to him for four years past, for which he has several warrants, but Sir Edward says he cannot pay it, because he can only receive moneys by order of Sir Rob. Long, auditor of receipt.

Aug. 22.

108. Petition of George Tomlin, writer and flourisher, to Lord Arlington, for a letter to Lord Treas. Southampton, to require Sir Rob. Long to pay to Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, 234*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* due to the petitioner for flourishing several skins of vellum, with the King's portraiture, arms, ornaments, and badges in gold, for which he has had divers warrants, but received nothing.

Aug. 22.

Norwich.

109. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news in those parts.

Aug. 22.

West Cowes.

110. J. Knight to Williamson. Paul Reyner, master of the St. Paul of London, who has been a slave in Algeria two and a quarter years, was freed by an Englishman, who put him into his ship, and he has come into Cowes. He reports that, coming out of the Straits he met 13 French galleys and 13 provision vessels, bound to Marseilles and other French ports; they had taken three English ships laden, from Algiers, Tunis, and Gallipoli. He also met a privateer with Dutch, Spanish, and French commissions, which reported that the French fleet of 40 sail were gone into Rochelle and adjacent parts, to take in soldiers for some part of England. Sir Wm. Broomhall promised the writer the weekly intelligence, which would be a very great obligation.

Aug. 22.

West Cowes.

111. John Lysle to Williamson. Is almost in despair at not hearing about his small concerns. Details of Paul Reyner's voyage, his lading being chiefly currants from Algiers, and fruit from Alicant; he is a pretended Swede of Gottenburg. An English merchant bought at Algiers his ship, the St. Paul of London, and redeemed him and four more slaves. He says that Guyland has been overthrown by the Moors, has fled into Mamora with 25,000 men, is raising a strong army, and it is supposed will carry all before him, and that Tangiers is reported in good condition; he met a pickeroon with three commissions, which plundered him of fruit and 30*l.* in money; he reported that Beaufort has gone from Portugal to Rochelle, and that the Spanish admiral rides off Lisbon, with 11 great men-of-war and 11 more cruising at sea to prevent supplies, and has taken five great Swedish ships and one Lubecker bound for Portugal. [2 pages.]

Aug. 22 ?

112. Memoranda for a warrant for creating John Tyrell, of Swinfield [Springfield], Essex, son and heir of Sir John Tyrrel, of Heron, Essex, a baronet. Endorsed "Sir Wm. Sanderson. [Created Oct. 22, 1666]."

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Bristol.

113. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

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114. Petition of two Clerks of the Cheque and 40 Messengers of the Chamber to Lord Arlington, for his mediation for discharge of the three years' arrears of their salary, and payment of their bills for disbursements in the King's service; understand that 20,000*l.* is ordered to be paid to the treasurer of the chamber for the King's service.

Aug. 23.

115. H. Lord Cornbury to Williamson. His father [Earl of Clarendon] wishes the enclosed sent to the fleet by to night's express.

Aug. 23.

Truro.

116. Hugh Acland to Williamson. They are making the best show they can to express their thankfulness for the late happy victory over their proud enemies, and hope it will lead them to sue for peace.

Aug. 23.

Leith.

117. R. M. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Sermons have been preached in every church, and devoutly attended by all persons; afterwards there was bell ringing, guns firing, and bonfires. Prizes are brought in daily.

Aug. 23.

Bath.

118. Sir Chr. Gyse to Williamson. That day has been kept with great solemnity for the late success against the Dutch. Is removing to his own house at Brockworth.

Aug. 23.

Portsmouth.

119. Robt. Mills to James Hicke. Thanks for his letter and bill of mortality; has no news.

Aug. 23.

Swansea.

120. John Man to Williamson. At Cowbridge fair last week, some common people of two adjacent parishes, on a petty quarrel, fell foul on each other, and two were slain and others wounded; some are secured, and it is supposed that several will stretch the rope for it; the assizes, formerly held at Cardiff, are removed thither; knows not the reason of it.

Aug. 23.

Lyme.

121. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. An Ostend vessel reports many pickeroons on the coast, so that English vessels dare not cruise without convoy. Several men have come home to Lyme from the King's service; fears it is through Capt. Legg.

Aug. 23.

Royal Charles,
Sole Bay.

122. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. The attempts to intercept the harbouring of De Ruyter and the [Dutch] East Indiamen at Norway was unsuccessful; the bad success at Bergen is doubtless well known. Ranged the coast for some time, until forced to return by the falling short of beer, the threatening of the weather, and other reasons; the disabled ships are sent to Harwich for repairs. The ships laden with hemp and tar from the East country have arrived there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 23.

123. Robt. Mayors to [the Navy Comrs.] Wm. Pickett, master of the barge pressed for the conveyance of keel pieces to Deptford and Woolwich, has neglected his duty, to the great hindrance of the service, and deserves punishment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Kinsale.

124. Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Would send up the muster book more frequently, but cannot prevail upon the pursers of some of the ships, as they come in to give in, their original books. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 23.

125, 126. Reports, by John Tooker, of the present condition of the victualling ships in the river, or sailing to the fleet. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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127. Report, by Capt. Geo. Erwin, of the progress and dispatch of the fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 24.
Plymouth.

128. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Proposes sending only the great ship Pearl, laden between her decks with what is on board the small hoy, as the deal ships asked for want men and many things. Appraisement of the two ships Pearl and Mermaid of Amsterdam, value 395*l.* and 197*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, with account of their lading. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 24.

Accounts of or receipts for stores delivered to five merchant ships at Sheerness, by Dan. Boutwell, George Kerrington, and Rich. Greene, viz. :—

129. Tallow, pitch, &c., to the John and Thomas, April 12, 1666.

130. Tallow, brooms, reed, &c., to the Society, May 12, 1666.

131. Sheathing boards for the Loyal Merchant, July 18.

132. Fire booms for the Baltimore, July 18.

133. Deal boards for the Baltimore, Aug. 16, 1666.

134. Ordnance deals for the London Merchant, Aug. 24, 1666.

[*Adm. Papers.*]

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135. Petition of Sir William Doyley to the King, for a patent appointing him Teller in the Exchequer, on surrender in his favour by Wm. Pinckney.

Aug. 24.
Lynn.

136. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Yesterday the thanksgiving appointed for the late victory over the Dutch was performed with all imaginable solemnity; the mayor and aldermen in their scarlet, with the common council, met at the Town Hall, and went to the great church, the town music playing before them. A suitable sermon was preached there, and in the other two churches; the mayor then feasted the chief of the town; there was divine service in the afternoon, and then ringing of bells, music, bonfires, fireworks, shooting of great guns from the ships, &c.

Aug. 24.
Bideford.

137. P. Manaton to Williamson. The solemnities of yesterday were performed with the greatest acclamations of joy. The mayor and his brethren appeared at divine service in their scarlet robes, and Mr. Gifford, a worthy divine, performed duty, after which 70 guns were fired, drums beat, and bells rang till 11 at night. The St. Katherine of Riga has gone over the bar bound for Lisbon; the coast is clear of privateers as far as Ireland.

Aug. 24.
Dover.

138. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Yesterday was plenty of bell-ringing and bonfires, being thanksgiving day. A Dover man, lately prisoner in Flushing, says the Hollanders will soon be out, but want

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men extremely ; they promise 50s. a month for a common man, and he believes they will give 3*l.*, but the seamen are so discouraged it is thought they will mutiny. Young De Witt has a pique against Trump, who is cashiered, and another put in his place, who was received with much joy and shooting. Dover is much visited [with plague].

Aug. 24. 139. John Clarke to Williamson. Some colliers have arrived
Plymouth. from Wales. Those parts are free from contagious distempers.

Aug. 24. 140. John Clarke to James Hicke. To the same effect.

Aug. 24. 141. Petition of James Wemys, general of the artillery in Scotland, to the King, to name the sum which he is to receive, as promised, for the office of master gunner of England, disposed of by His Majesty to another person, and to order the same to be paid quarterly from the Ordnance Office, till the whole is paid.

Aug. 24. 142. Petition of Elizabeth Luddington to Lord Arlington, for release of her husband ; he was committed by Lord Lovelace to Reading gaol, remained there four months, and April 6, 1664, was removed by Lord Arlington's order to Windsor Castle, and there remains, though no crime against King or government has been charged against him. Noted "To be consulted with my Lord Lovelace."

Aug. 24. 143. Petition of Isabella Singleton, widow, to Lord Arlington. Has come hundreds of miles to declare her sorrows to the King and beg relief ; has thrice petitioned His Majesty, but finds no comfort ; lost 500*l.*, lent to Sir John Marlay at Newcastle in time of war to pay soldiers, and has since remained in great affliction. Begg relief for her journey home, her mother's ancestors being of the name of Bennet. Was once of good estate, and enjoyed the world at pleasure.

Aug. 24. 144. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. No vessels but Irish are
Pembroke. there. The coasts are clear between England and Ireland.

Aug. 24. 145. Fras. Malory to Williamson. All rejoice at the joyful news,
Pembroke. and hope more, if the winter do not frustrate. The trade consists of nothing but coals for Ireland, but is passable, there being no men-of-war.

Aug. 24. 146. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Most of the laden coal fleet
Newcastle. has got out and lies at the bar, with five men-of-war as convoy. The day of rejoicing was solemnized by ringing of bells, and ended with bonfires, and a banquet given by the mayor to the noblemen and gentlemen in town at the assizes.

Aug. 24. 147. W. H. to Mr. Phillipson. In Holland, they cry out against the burning of the town as a barbarous act. Showed Spurdian Parkinson George Wiser's book, which he commended much, but said the notablest best book he ever saw was one shown him by his father, which so whips up the bastard family (meaning the King's

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family) that it lays them open to public view. Will try to compass that book. Cannot get at Mene Tekel, now in Mr. Tillam's hands. Would know any roguery in Yorkshire from this Parkinson or his brother. Thinks there is no such plot as that named in the county at present, but they clamour at Sir Edw. Charlton's being made governor of Hartinpoole, saying it is to bring in Popery. Wm. Langstaff says Judge Turner will get Justice Robinson put into the commission of peace in Durham again; they are troubled lest he should be turned out in Yorkshire, for the Quakers meet frequently in his division, and he never molests them, whatever he may say when amongst other justices. Pretended to Langstaff that their friends were at work, on which he offered him a good broad sword.

Aug. 24.

148. Capt. Grice to [Williamson]. Capt. Blood, Mene Tekel, Mr. Palmer, a minister, and Ralph Alexander, are gone for Ireland to do mischief. Relying on the promise not to bring him forward as witness, names as connected with the last plot in Ireland, three years ago, Capt. Abbot, near Dublin, Rob. Hutchinson, Major Desborough, Capt. Briggs, Col. Brefet, Lieut. Williams, and Lieut.-Col. Jones, late governor of Dublin Castle. Gives the names of witnesses against them; will tell all he can find out in London. [2 pages.]

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149. ——— to ———. Offers his services to assist in taking the first four persons named in the preceding letter and Lieut. Butler.

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150. [Capt. Grice to Williamson?]. Gives the addresses of persons in Dublin who will be able to assist in the capture of the above-mentioned persons, especially the keeper of the Black Boy, Oxmon-town, Dublin, who will know any plot in Ireland. Gives the names of several other plotters there. [2 pages.]

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151. Memorandum [by Williamson] to intercept all letters coming from Ireland addressed to John Knipe, Aldersgate Street, or letters going to Ireland, addressed to Dan. Edgerton, Cook Street, Dublin. Headed "Mene Tekel, Blood, Alexander, &c."

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152. Note [by Williamson] that Lee can testify against Pride, having heard him say he would raise as many men as he could and head them; also that Lee is engaged in the last plot; he is to be examined whether he knows Alexander, Blood, Chambers, &c.

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153. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Will let him know of any saleable ship, and then leave his petition in his hands, but not to be presented if any way impertinent.

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West Cowes.

154. John Knight to Williamson. The trained bands of the Isle [of Wight], Major Peacock's companies from Berkshire, Capt. Alcock's soldiers, and Sir Hen. Jones's troop of horse have been mustered, and were all in a good posture of war.

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155. Rich. Braywood to Mr. Hopon. The King's fruiterer has been to the lady's house; she says he and the confectioner have a hand in the design; the King should beware of them, and of a

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knight and others near him; the lady will find the knight, if she may have assistance to take him. The lady heard of a traitor wounded in Essex, and wondered whether it was Ludlow or Whaley, for both are in town, she says.

Aug. 25. 156. Rich. Braywood to Mr. Hopon. The woman undertakes to take Ludlow if sure of some reward. The lady can only take him by her means; she knows all his haunts, and does not doubt of taking him.

Aug. 25. 157. Certificate by George Lewis, mayor, and Peter Prideaux
Barnstaple, and John Tyson, justices of Barnstaple, that Peter John, and Nich.
Devonshire. Curry, seamen, taken by the Dutch in sailing from Spain, but rescued by an English man-of-war, were put on shore at Barnstaple, and seek protection and charity for two months, to enable them to travel to Kingston-on-Hull, and thence sail for Flanders, their native country; also, granting them a pass and writ of assistance.

Aug. 25. 158. Sam. Hartlib to Williamson. Wants the order on
Hearth Office. Mr. Smith's petition. Sends a packet of Acts of Parliament and
London. instructions, to be transmitted to Williamson's brother by this post, before the assizes are over.

Aug. 25. 159. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The thanksgiving day
Lyne. was solemnly observed; the great guns were fired, and other expressions of joy used. A vessel has sailed laden with lime, &c., for Jersey.

Aug. 25. 160. Robt. Gray to Jas. Hicke. A French sloop has taken two
Boston. ships, and has fired two in Wainfleet Haven.

Aug. 25. 161. Luke Whittington to Williamson. There are vessels coming
Hull. up the Humber, supposed to be Newcastle colliers, in which case the coal fleet of 300 sail will have passed to London.

Aug. 25. 162. Jo. Ward to Williamson. Has sent Sir Edw. Phillipp's
Dorchester. commission by a messenger on purpose; the letter, being directed to Taunton, did not reach the writer till Thursday.

Aug. 25. 163. Ben. Francis to Williamson. The coasts are quiet; 250
Sunderland. colliers from Tynemouth, convoyed by five ships, have passed southward.

Aug. 25. 164. Willm. Symons to James Hicke. Has no news worth
Bridgewater. notice.

Aug. 25. 165. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The London coal fleet of 300 sail has left, with six convoys, in case the enemy's fleet be at sea, as is reported. Has warned them to be careful, as the winds would serve the Hollanders to come over, and the fleet is reported beyond Flamborough Head. The coal fleet, being manned with able seamen who hid themselves from impress, would replenish the Navy, if the men-of-war could light on them.

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Poole.

166. Allen Skutt to Williamson. A Poole bark, bound for Guernsey, returned to avoid danger, hearing of a French man-of-war cruising off Guernsey.

Aug. 25.
Chester.

167. M. A[nderton] to Williamson. The thanksgiving was celebrated with reverence and cheerfulness, all hoping and praying for further cause of rejoicing on the same account. The Sapphire and Success have been cruising west of Kinsale, but met no enemy; two vessels are gone thence in search of two capers that infested the coast about Youghall. The Lord-Lieutenant has sent ammunition and field pieces for the garrisons of Kilkenny and Clonmell.

Aug. 25.
Weymouth.

168. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Paradox and Nonsuch have sailed to convoy several merchantmen to Guernsey.

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Papers relating to the Swallow of London, viz. :—

169. Agreement between the Navy Comrs. and John Perryman, master and part owner, for hire and freight of the said ship, duly manned and furnished with 20 pieces of ordnance, for one journey to Rochelle, for the sum of 300*l.*; a return passport from the King of France guaranteed, or 200*l.* additional in compensation. March 1, 1666.

170. List of 26 English seamen brought by the Swallow from Rochelle and St. Martin's, and discharged on board the Orange at Spithead, July 1660; with their date of entry, May 26 to June 22, and number of days aboard.

171. Certificate by Comr. Thos. Middleton of 25 men received from Capt. John Perryman, and disposed of to the Constant Warwick and Orange, the said captain having received no allowance for their victuals whilst on board. July 16, 1666.

172. Certificate by John Hawkins, mate, and three others, that the delay made by the Swallow at St. Martin's, in delivering the goods, from 14 May to 15 June, 1666, arose wholly from the neglect, want of convenience, and other defects on the part of the Portuguese ambassador, whose goods he conveyed. Sworn before Thos. Estcourt, master in Chancery. Aug. 25, 1666.

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173. Note of letters, demands, and estimates received by the Navy Comrs. from Chatham, since Jan 30, 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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174. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Wishes a clerk appointed to correspond with her on business matters, to avoid personal application. Is still desirous to be serviceable, though all commerce with France is forbidden on pain of death. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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175. Report, by John Tooker, of the present condition of the victualling ships in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 25. 176. List of the officers and their servants appointed in May to the hired merchant ship Albemarle, at Woodbridge, taken into the service, with estimate of their wages. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

176. 1. *List of the commission and warrant officers named for the said ship, with date of their commissions and warrants.*

Aug. 25. 177. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. The Flying Greyhound
Newcastle. has set sail, with her convoy and 400 colliers. Has engaged as many watermen as will carry her to Harwich; 15*l.* is to be paid to the master and mate, upon delivery of the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 25. 178. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. As the Farmers of
Bristol. Customs have denied a credit for the moneys due for fitting out the St. Patrick, has made bold to pass a bill of exchange for 700*l.* upon the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 25. 179. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Requests an order for the
Bristol. felling of 5 beech trees and 14 oaks for ship timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 25? 180. Sir Geo. Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Has no money yet to
Saturday. pay off the Richmond; trusted to get credit for Mr. Furzer from the customs at Bristol, but the Farmers of Customs protested they had no money, and that the customs of the ships mentioned came not to 300*l.*

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Aug. 26. 1. Comrs. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Friezand has
Portsmouth set sail, under convoy of the Blackamoor pink. The mast ship has
Dockyard. not yet arrived. The English canvas sent in by Col. Reymes does not answer the pattern. Has before stated that the wharfs are not in a condition to lay ordnance upon. A considerable part of the fleet may be expected in port this winter, requiring all expedition in their dispatch; but if deprived of the means, the King's work cannot be done. There are but the Mars, Francis, and one old broken down vessel to receive all that is to be put on shore out of the ships, as guns, &c. Knows not what will be done if the Mars is taken away. Has sent a man to Southampton to inquire about the rosin. Particulars of tallow and rosin in store. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Aug. 26. 2. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Orange has sailed
Plymouth. into the Sound to await convoy. Four prizes are brought into Falmouth by the Constant Warwick and Victory. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 26. 3. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. Thanks for his letters; has
Portsmouth. no news.

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Aug. 26. 4. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. A Welsh coal vessel came in
Falmouth. with 10 or 16 more bound for the East, and reports the coast clear of
men-of-war. The Hawk has come in from the Isle of Wight, as
convoy to vessels for Plymouth, Fowey, and Falmouth.

Aug. 26. 5. John Bower to James Hickes. On Friday last the Fountain
Bridlington. frigate sailed by, with 100 colliers; the great fleet of 200 sail is off
Flamborough Head, moving slowly, the wind being calm. No
enemies appeared on the coast last week.

Aug. 26. 6. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The Prince and Duke
St. James's. of Albemarle have requested the return of the Seven Stars, a prize
of wine and brandy brought into the river, but which they intended
to have kept in the fleet for beverage. If the King consent, begs an
order to that effect to the Navy Comrs.

Aug. 26. 7. Sir Bernard Gascoigne to Lord Arlington. Rejoices to hear of
Venice. the defeat of the Hollanders, when bragging that our ships durst not
come out; hopes to see the great enemy, the French, mortified, and
the Hollanders convinced how little reliance is to be placed on them.
Hopes Spain, Holland, and England will unite to defend Flanders
against France. [2 pages.]

Aug. 26. 8. Sir Bernard Gascoigne to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 26. 9. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Trump and seven Holland captains
Dover. are disbanded, and their fleet is out; Trump's brother is fled to
Antwerp. Hopes not to have to come to London. Capt. Massey
will swear that Edy, clerk to the Commissioners, would have suborned
him to accuse the writer falsely.

Aug. 26. 10. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Has given his letters and
Royal Charles, extracts to the Prince and General. Refers him for news to his
Sole Bay. letter to Lord Arlington.

Aug. 26. 11. N. Oudart to Williamson, Having served God in the fore-
Putney Park. noon by doing his vicegerent's work, will go to his church duty
cheerily, with the excellent Countess; will come at once, if there be
occasion for the speedy use of Dutch and English. Hopes Dr. Busby
will not stop his leases filling up four or five years out of 30 elapsed
by absence on the King's service. The Dean is nobly for him.

Aug. 26. 12. Ja. Reade to Williamson. Fifty colliers are in sight; hopes
Royal Charles. there will be more coming, seasonably for the fleet; it is in good
health; in ten days only six men from the Royal Charles have been
set ashore sick; all long to be out at sea, when beer and water come.

Aug. 26. 13. Petition of Sir John Mennes to the King, for a grant of such
Whitehall moneys as he may discover to remain due to the Crown in the duchy
of Lancaster, from Jan. 1643 to June 1659; also for a lease of
Hylin's Park, Staffordshire, belonging to the said duchy, and for the
keepership thereof, if proved to be void by the forfeiture of Gregory

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Walkelett, who purchased it from the usurped powers, and has destroyed the deer, felled the timber, and ploughed the soil. Is still thousands of pounds in debt, by raising forces, buying arms and holding correspondence for the service of the late King, and His Majesty. With reference thereon to Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy and his report, Nov. 16, in favour of a grant of the whole of the discovered moneys up to a certain amount, as the discovery will be a great charge and trouble, and also in favour of the requested lease of Hylin's Park, as the rent proposed by the petitioner of 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* will be rather more than is now received; the improved value is 85*l.* 12*s.* Endorsed "Sir John Heath."

Aug. 26. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 219.]

Aug. 26. 14. E. D. to his brother in Christ. Gives thanks for their
Dublin. faith and courage in bearing their testimony against the evil of the times; exhorts them to fidelity; deliverance will come and is even at the door. Private affairs. [*Copy by Capt. Grice.*]

Aug. 27. 15. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Being in a remote part, has
Truro. little intelligence; the thanksgiving was solemnly kept, with great rejoicing, and bonfires in the evening.

Aug. 27. 16. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Will visit his old acquaintance
Pembroke. and tell Mr. Hickes who is fittest for the post office; they are worse than before, since they hear that Lord Arlington does not come in till Midsummer.

Aug. 27. 17. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 27. 18. Petition of Roger Tows, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for release; was in drink when he spoke the words of which he is accused, and is ignorant what he said; but will take the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance; is too poor to subsist or pay fees in prison.

Aug. ? 19. Petition of Elianor, wife of Roger Tows, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for her husband's release. He was always reputed a loyal subject, and would abhor to do anything prejudicial to King and government, unless through the imperfection of intemperance; they are very poor and unable to raise moneys to subsist, much less to satisfy the expectations of fees. *Annexing,*

19. 1. *Warrant from Lord Arlington to the keeper of the Gatehouse to take Roger Tows into safe custody. [Copy.]*
Whitehall, July 6, 1666.

Aug. 27. 20. Petition of Sir Thos. Daniel to the King, for a grant for
Whitehall. 31 years, on rent of 20*s.*, of the rent of 100*l.* reserved on a grant to Sir John Mennes and Rob. Philipps of the late priory and manor of Cannington, co. Somerset, on failure of heirs male of Edw. Rogers;

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also, for a grant in reversion for 24 years, on rent of 10s., of the rent of 40l. due from Sir Rob. Johnson, for St. John's Woods, Chippenwickham, co. Bucks. With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer.

Aug. 27. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 220.]

Aug. 27. 21. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Has shown the Gazettes to Sir Walmer. Edw. Monins and other gentlemen with him, who have no other way of intelligence, now that Dover and Sandwich are visited. Some say the Dutch are out with 80 sail, some that they cannot get seamen; the distemper increases in Dover and Sandwich, has crept again into Canterbury, and is reported very hot in Maidstone; seven died yesterday at Deal; several houses broke out last week, and only 16 houses have not had it, except those which were shut up, but it is more favourable; formerly it scarcely left one in a house; now most live and have sores.

Aug. 27. 22. Jo. Man to Williamson. Masters of vessels from other ports Swansea. report the universal joy at the late victories over the Dutch, as shown on the thanksgiving day.

Aug. 27. 23. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Hawk has come in with Pendennis. 18 small vessels from Wales, bound for Penzance; she sprang a leak and had to come on shore for repairs.

Aug. 27. 24, 25. Two blank warrants to a messenger of the chamber for Whitehall. apprehension of persons not named.

Aug. 27. 26. Agreement between Pet. H. brewer and Th. R., vintner, and Stephen Hayre, whereby the latter is pledged to make good to the two former 30l., in case they should be sued on a bond in which they are bound for him. Endorsed with some figures and "A discourse on sanctification," in the same hand, partly in short hand. *Prefixing,*

26. I. *Request by Edw. Boote, rector of the parish church of Blackwell, co. Derby, to John Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to admit on his presentation Sam. Nowell to the vicarage of the said parish church of Blackwell, void by death of Wm. Wilmore. [Latin.] Aug. 20, 1662.*

Aug. 27. 27. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. The Martin has brought in Lyme. vessels from Plymouth, one laden with tobacco and sugar, and is to return westwards, with colliers and others. Next year's mayor is chosen, an ancient, loyal magistrate.

Aug. 27. 28. John Pocock to James Hicke. The Deptford reports the Weymouth. sea free from pickeroons; on the 25th guns were fired south-west of Portland, but no sail discovered.

Aug. 27. 29. John Lysle to Williamson. The cook on board the St. Michael West Cowes. of Bruges, brought in prize by the Hawk ketch, stabbed one of the men in a quarrel, and then leaped overboard and drowned himself. Capt. Alex. Colepeper, the vice-admiral's deputy, is very careful in the inquest.

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Yarmouth.

30. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have been 200 sick and wounded men brought in from the fleet; 120 laden colliers have arrived without convoy from Newcastle, and report 400 more ready to sail. The troopers have pressed both masters and men.

Aug. 27.
Lynn.

31. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Lord Byron's troop of horse came into town, and is gone to lie about the coast towns. Lord Mandeville's troop has come in, and is to stay some time. A collier from Sunderland reports that he came with 100 sail without convoy; four left the rest at Spurn for Lynn, when two sloops put two of them ashore, carried off one, and the other escaped by running in among the sands. A fleet of light colliers lies at Lynn, but dares not sail without convoy, till the coast is clear of privateers.

Aug. 27.
Aldborough.

32. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Passage of collier vessels southward. The fleet lies still in Southwold Bay, in great want of beer and water. Dispatched off an express sent by Lord Arlington to the generals, who held a council of war next morning.

Aug. 27.
Sole Bay.

33. Prince Rupert to the King. Refers to Col. Wm. Legg for information of the fleet. The Dutch captain says it is against their principles to engage themselves in the Channel, and thinks they will be at Schoonfeld, before the Wielings, where they usually make their rendezvous. Hopes to know about it to-morrow, by which time five fire-ships, now fitting in the roads will be ready, and will make up the number to 11. The colliers are hourly expected for a recruit of seamen. If the Dutch keep their station, a few days will decide the business. [1½ pages.]

Aug. 27.
Royal Charles,
Sole Bay.

34. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. The Dutch fleet of 80 sail was seen last night off the Wildings, and is supposed to design a western course, to join the French fleet, in which case a month or more will be needed to bring them back again. Complain of the want of supplies, in spite of repeated importunities. The demands are answered by accounts from Mr. Pepys of what has been sent to the fleet, which will not satisfy the ships, unless the provisions could be found. Hope to be credited as to their wants, being upon the place. Have not a month's provision of beer, yet Sir Wm. Coventry assures the ministers that they are supplied till Oct. 3; unless this is quickened, they will have to return home too soon. The deceit in gauging beer is 20 gallons a butt, and there is great loss by leakage, stinking beer, casks staved, supply of lesser vessels, &c. Want provisions according to their own computation, not Sir Wm. Coventry's, to last to the end of October, and all the ships and fire-ships that can be sent. Orders should be sent into Devonshire, Cornwall, Dorsetshire, and Somersetshire, to press seamen to be sent to Dartmouth, whence vessels will fetch them; stores of all sorts should be laid in at Dover, Portsmouth, Dartmouth, Plymouth, or other convenient ports, that they may not spend faster than they can be supplied. Will need all the strength and assistance that can be given, to contend with the united powers of both those nations, but with it, hope to return good accounts of this great expedition. [3 pages.]

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Chatham.

35. John Ruffhead, anchormith, to [Sam Pepys]. Has delivered in ironwork to the value of 6,000*l.* during the last year, and only received 800*l.*; has not a chaldron of coals in his three shops but what are borrowed, and only five tons of iron; the poor have been so long unpaid that they are ready to starve, and others who have supplied ironwork in great quantities are utterly disabled for want of money; begs an imprest of 700*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 27.
Victualling
Yard.

36. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. Has examined the books of the office, and can find no money due to the purser of the Sapphire. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 27.
Edwinstow.

37. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Cannot find men willing to cut the timber into plank without ready money; wants money to pay for the repairs of the Adam and Eve; the last bill for 200*l.* has not yet been paid by Mr. Fenn; has laden the Black Dog with plank, and sent her down to Althorpe; timber cannot safely be floated down to Hull in floats, it is better for hoys to fetch it from Stockwith; requests a warrant for John Huntington to be master of the Adam and Eve. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 27.
Antwerp.

38. Aphara Behn to Mr. Halsall. Has been unable to do anything yet, Mr. Nipho and Sir Anthony [Des Marces] assist her, but can witness that it is a hard matter; dares not for her life go to Holland. On the burning of these ships, they have sent for their troops back from Germany. Trump and his brother are dismissed from office, and their sister degraded; there is great desolation at Amsterdam, and one of the states is turned out of the council. Hopes soon to settle a way of correspondence with the rogue, who expresses great desire to serve. Complains of the expensiveness of the place, and begs for money; has been forced to pawn a ring to pay her messengers. With a key to the cypher used subsequently in the correspondence. [2½ *pages.*]

Aug. 28.
Sept. 7.
Rotterdam.

39. [Wm. Scott to Aphara Behn]. Dares say little lest his letter should miscarry, there being a general expectation of something breaking out; wishes to meet her, but it must not be at the Hague. Wants her cypher, if it could be sent by a safe hand. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 28.
London.

40. Thos. Tyte to Sir Wm. Batten. Captain James Blake has sold the Constant John for 700*l.*, having a letter of attorney from the rest of the owners for the receipt of the same; begs that the warrant may not be perfected until further orders, he holding only one sixteenth part. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 28.
Navy Office.

41. Warrant from the Navy Comrs. to Thos. Dalmahoy, deputy-lieutenant, and others Justices of the Peace for Surrey, to assist Sir Wm. Warren and Wm. Castell in removing obstructions to the carriage of timber upon the River Wye, *alias* Guildford River, which is not yet done, though the Earl of St. Alban's, Sir Edw. Turner

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speaker, and others have interested themselves in the management of the river, and become principal proprietors thereof. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

Aug. 28.
Newcastle.

42. Hum. Pibus to Sir John Mennes. The Flying Greyhound has set sail with an able master and mate on board; for ballast, she has put two keels of coal, which can be disposed of at the best price at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 28.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

43. Comr. Thos Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The mast ship has arrived; her port is too small for the masts ordered; only two of 27 inches will go in her; the ship is too old and rotten to bear enlarging; asks directions; she might be fit for the Plymouth design. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 28.
Little Manor,
near Upton,
Worcestershire.

44. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is setting forward the building of the new third-rate ship; found at Blackmoor Park a parcel of good four inch plank; has agreed for it to be delivered in Bristol River, and none else to have any of it; refers the agreement for price to Mr. Shirley and Mr. Blackborow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 28.
Plymouth.

45. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The frigate belonging to Sir Thos. Morgan, governor of Jersey, sent by him to cruise along the coast of Bretagne to Brest, has engaged with a Dutch caper of 18 guns, killed 8 men and wounded 16, but was chased by another caper into Plymouth harbour; the Orange is still in the Sound; musters cannot conveniently be taken of frigates arriving in the Sound without a boat appointed for the service. Begs that his salary and charges from Nov. 11, 1665, may be ordered him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 28.

46. Agreement between the Navy Comrs. and Fras. Baylie, of Bristol, shipwright, for the building of a frigate, length by the keel 122 feet, breadth 38 feet, depth 16 feet,—the said ship with 300 men's provision for six months, and all her guns on board, not to draw above $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet water abaft, and 16 feet 4 inches before,—at the rate of 7*l.* per ton; 1,750*l.* to be paid in advance. [*Adm. Paper, 11 sheets.*]

Aug. 28.

47. Account between [the Navy Comrs.] and Edw. Gray for New England and Gottenburg masts of dimensions specified, delivered by Gray at Chatham, in part of which he received other masts at Portsmouth, 1665 and 1666; with memoranda relating to the price of Gottenburg masts. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Aug. 28.
Whitehall.

48. Warrant for a grant to Lord Chancellor Clarendon of the office of Steward and Lieutenant of Woodstock, New Forest, Whichwood, and other manors and parks, co. Oxford, and also of wardrobe keeper of Woodstock, he paying 114*l.* and 22*d.* yearly and 20*l.* for the coppices, tops, and lops, in Whichwood Forest.

Aug. 28.

Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 122.*]

Aug. 28.

Warrant to Sir John Lenthall to set Bromwich at liberty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 224.*]

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Aug. 28. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to pay a pension of 10*l.* a
Whitehall. year to Anne, widow of Lieut. John Cartwright, slain in the King's
service. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 226.*]

Aug. 28. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to John Sayer,
Whitehall. master cook of the privy kitchen, 43*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, set in sale as an
arrear on him in the two first household accounts delivered into the
Exchequer. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 227.*]

[Aug. 28.] 49. Draft of the above.

Aug. 28? 50. Statement of the case of John Sayer, master cook, that for
2½ years after the Restoration, a proportion of beef, mutton, and
veal was daily allowed to make strong broth for the King's own
drinking; afterwards, as he seldom supped, that allowance was
reduced, but the accounts for those first 2½ years are made up on
the proportion of the lesser allowance, and the cook charged with
the rest of the meat, to his great prejudice.

Aug. 28. 51. Information [by Capt. Grice] that Major Richardson has come
from Holland, and was at Sir John Rose's lady's in Lincolnshire on
the 8th instant.

Aug. 28. 52. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. Seven or eight prizes have
Harwich. arrived from the fleet, and nine or ten more are expected, laden with
masts and deals.

Aug. 28. 53. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A privateer sent by Sir Thos.
Morgan to the coast of Bretagne was attacked by a caper, but
escaped; another chased her all day into Plymouth harbour; the
caper went to the west.

Aug. 28. 54. P. Manaton to Williamson. Has no news.
Barnstaple
Custom House.

Aug. 28. 55. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The assizes are over and the
Newcastle. judges have gone to Carlisle. Thirty light ships have come in and
report the coal fleet to be past Scarborough.

Aug. 28. 56. John Clarke to Williamson. Chase of a small Guernsey
Plymouth. privateer by two Dutch capers.

Aug. 28. 57. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 28. 58. John Maurice to James Hickes. At an election for the
Minehead. borough, Sir Thos. Bridges and Mr. Mallet, justice of peace, had
most voices. Begs this may not be Gazette news, lest Sir Thomas
might be offended.

Aug. 29. 59. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Arrival of Newcastle
Hull. colliers; their convoy chased a small pickeroon off Flamborough
Head; another pickeroon has taken a small vessel in the Humber.

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Aug. 29. 60. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The sails and rigging, worth
Falmouth. 60*l.*, have been stolen from the cabin of a Dutch prize in the harbour,
and the thieves cannot be found.

Aug. 29. 61. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Falmouth. ceding and his letter to Hickes of the 26th instant.

Aug. 29. 62. Philip Frowde to Williamson. His father being out, sends
Post Office. letters just come from Dover; they came on Friday last with the
Flanders mail, under cover to Mr. Jemmet, but have been stayed till
now. *Encloses,*

62. 1. *Envelope of a letter from Amsterdam of $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{3}$ August, ad-
dressed to Williamson, under cover to Warham Jemmet,
sen.*

Aug. 29. 63. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Wishes the enclosed
St. James's, to be sent by an express to the fleet; another should go to
Midnight. Yarmouth to advertise the colliers or men-of-war coming from the
north, as the fleet may be standing over to the coast of Flanders,
and so miss the Dutch. The lord lieutenants of Essex, Suffolk, and
Norfolk should be told to look to their towns and coast.

Aug. 29. 64. L. Rosin to [John Durel]. Has not time to rewrite the en-
closed; that day is the eighth week since he was taken sick out of
his bed. Protests his innocence of the things he is accused of. *En-
closes,*

64. 1. *L. Rosin to Mr. Durel. Neither his life nor health can
longer bear his present condition; has been sickly most
of his life, is 58 years old, and has the scurvy; has been
nearly two months under restraint. Could satisfy Lord
Arlington if sent for, and begs to be put to no more
charges for messengers' fees; the first week, with expense
of bringing him thither, cost him 6*l.*, yet his diet is very
bad, only salted boiled beef two or three times a week. Has
not walked circumspectly, but is clear of the things he is
accused of. [2 pages.] August 28, 1666.*

Aug. 29. 65. John Pocock to James Hickes. A French man-of-war came
Weymouth. boldly up to the west bay of Portland, and fired two guns at the
fishermen, one of which went through the roof of a small thatched
house. The Paradox and Nonsuch have returned from convoying
vessels to Guernsey.

Aug. 29. 66. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The Paradox and Nonsuch
Lyme. report the good condition of the Channel Islands, and tell of several
prizes lately taken there.

Aug. 29. 67. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Three French pickeroons are
Boston. on the coasts.

Aug. 29. 68. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has been out of town to
Norwich. see his family. All parts in Norfolk are very sickly with agues and
fevers.

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- Aug. 29. 69. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The Little Lion has brought
Lynn. in several vessels for Lynn and Boston, and will convoy a dozen
back to London. Alderman Matthias Tirell, a very worthy person,
is chosen mayor, and begins his mayoralty on Michaelmas Day.
- Aug. 29. 70. Rich. Bower to Williamson. An Ostender saw off Ostend
Yarmouth. 88 Dutch men-of-war and 14 fire-ships. Edw. Thaxter and
Rich. Huntington have been chosen new bailiffs for the ensuing
year, at which there was general rejoicing, they being the only
two likely to make a thorough reformation in the affairs of the
town, and take away scandal by having His Majesty's affairs more
readily attended to.
- Aug. 29. 71. John Man to Williamson. Is daily expecting news, hearing
Swansea. that the Dutch fleet is out, and the French and Danish fleets joined
with them.
- Aug. 29. 72. John Man to James Hickes. Thanks for letters and Gazettes.
Swansea.
- Aug. 29. 73. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. One Ostend merchant
Royal Charles, reported the Dutch fleet of 90 sail to be between the Weylings
Sole Bay, and Ostend, and another reported them standing westward, as if
10 A.M. for the Channel. The Little Mary was chased into the fleet by
two men-of-war from their fleet, which stood yesterday northward,
being 10 or 12 leagues S. by W. from the Weylings. The sign is
given for the English fleet to weigh anchor; they have 92 men-of-
war but only 11 fire-ships; those expected from the river are not yet
come; they will keep the weather gage, if the wind continue
N. by W.; Lord Cranborne and Mr. Russell, a son of the Duke of
Bedford, have come on board. It is reported in Flanders that a son
of De Witt has shot Trump. The bulk of the collier fleet has not
come, and the 50 sail only yielded little; an old man and two boys,
beside the master, were the ship's company of many, and the men
out of the greater vessels ran ashore in boats, to avoid a press, but
some are in custody at Yarmouth; 800 men have been sent sick on
shore since the fleet came in. With postscript, 2 p.m., that the wind
and tides will prevent their sailing till to-morrow. [2 pages.]
- Aug. 29. 74. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Thanks for news. Hopes
Royal Charles, soon to sail, and then packets can be sent from Harwich.
Sole Bay.
- Aug. 29. 75. Petition of Roger Tows, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to Lord
Arlington, to be brought before him this evening or to-morrow
morning. Marked "To be re-examined."
- Aug. 29. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Berkshire 5,000*l.*, in regard of
his present necessities, by assignment on the receiver general, in
part of 8,000*l.* granted him by patent, the remaining 3,000*l.* to be
paid to his daughter, Lady Eliz. Dryden. [Docquet.]
- Aug. 29. Warrant for a grant to Willm. Ireland of the sinecure parsonage
of Gedney, co. Lincoln. [Ent. Book 19, p. 54.]

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Aug. 29. Warrant to the Ordnance Comrs. to deliver 12 pieces of ordnance, Whitehall. well moulded and fitted, to Col. Silius Titus, governor of Deal Castle, for defence of the Isle of Thanet. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 133a.*]

Aug. 29. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent. Capt. John Boyse's company of militia, being chiefly from the Isle of Thanet, is to associate with Colonel Titus' regiment in defence of that coast, being nearer to it than to that to which it properly belongs, that there may be good and sufficient guard for the coast, and to obey Colonel Titus as their superior officer. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 200.*]

Aug. 29. 76. Grant of pardon to Edward Earl of Sandwich of all offences committed in reference to his naval expedition against Algiers, his taking possession of Tangiers, his transactions in his embassy to Portugal relating to the crown of Portugal, his recent expedition in the Dutch war, including his accounts relative to the two East India prizes; granted lest in any of the above-mentioned transactions, he may have gone beyond the letter of his instructions. [*4 pages, copy.*]

Aug. 77. Draft of the above, dated Aug. 28. [*2 pages.*]

Aug. 29. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 120.*]

Aug. 29. 78. Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir John Shaw, and J. Harrison, Custom House. Farmers of Customs, to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Baylie is contented to accept of his 1,750*l.* for the building of a third-rate ship after Christmas; will give a letter of credit accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 29. 79. Edw. Sherburne and three other Ordnance Officers to the Navy Ordnance Office. Comrs. All necessaries are in readiness for the six ships advised of by Sir Wm. Coventry; the Malaga Merchant and Constant John are supplied, and the ordnance of the Loyal Subject, Katherine, and John and Thomas taken out. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 30. 80. Thos. Elliott to Sam. Pepys. Some of the provisions and gunner's stores of the Katherine are not yet taken out; asks whether the men are to be discharged before this is done. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 30. 81. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Longs for an answer to his last letter sent by express; all are in health in the Portsmouth Dockyard; knows not how it is in the town, until the weekly bill of mortality appears. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 30. 82. J. Evelyn and Sir Wm. Doyley, Commissioners for sick and Star Chamber wounded, to the Navy Comrs. Several abuses are committed by Lodgings. sick seamen sent to the hospitals; having no means of punishment in such cases, can only discharge the most notorious; beg that suitable encouragement may be given to the governors of the hospitals for their assistance. With note of John Spiller and Wm. Bone [*probably offenders*]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Aug. 30. 83. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of victualling stores:
Portsmouth. 8,927 bags of bread may be depended on by 30th November; only 100 tuns of beer a week can be provided, till the brewhouse is repaired, but there are 600 or 700 tuns ready. Is ill, and fears he may be unable to continue the business.
- Aug. 30. 84. Sir John Wolstenholme and two other Farmers of Customs
Custom House. to the Navy Comrs. Desire the passing of a warrant and entry for hemp, delivered at Woolwich in Dec. 1663, for which no custom has yet been paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 30. 85. Capt. John Strachan and Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs.
Leith. Particulars of plank and clapboard to be bought, and of prizes brought in containing various stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 30. 86. Certificate by Sir George Smith, that Thomas Braylsford, a
London. merchant who has lived for six years past in Amsterdam, and wishes to return thither on important business, is well affected to the King and government.
- Aug. 30. 87. Ja. Reade to Williamson. They weighed anchor this morning
Royal Charles. with a most gallant fleet, wind N.W., all in good health and full of courage; the enemy are 4 leagues without the Weylings.
- Aug. 30. 88. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. They are under sail
Royal Charles, out of the bay, wind W.N.W., but so little that they have to
Sole Bay, drive with the tide, and when it turns, fears they must anchor;
7 A.M. more colliers are in sight very opportunely, the Princess is coming, and the fire-ships expected. With postscript, Aug. 31, 8 a.m., that they were obliged to anchor yesterday, but have sailed again, to make the Foreland, and thence fall on the Hollanders; the fire-ships have not come; the colliers have yielded some men. [*2 pages.*]
- Aug. 30. 89. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Sends to Sir Phil.
Dover. Frowde two or three times a week news about the Dutch fleet sent by Mr. Glanville and Mr. Custis. Quotes a French letter from Mr. Richard, master of the posts from France to England, thanking him for the news, and hoping for peace. The news sent was of the affair of the Vlie and Schelling, which has made the names of the generals terrible all over France. Sir Lewis Dives has arrived, leaving the Earl of St. Alban's at Calais, waiting an order for a convoy thence. Begs favour in his trouble by being bound for Sir Arthur Slingsby. The captain is still in prison; threatens to lay on him the whole 200*l.* unless he pay the 100*l.* to Mr. Banks. Mr. Carlisle has married a young widow. [*2 pages.*]
- Aug. 30. 90. John Bower to James Hickes. There was an alarm that some
Bridlington. ships seen at sea were part of the Holland fleet, but they prove to be light colliers.
- Aug. 30. 91. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The place is altogether barren
Truro. of news.

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Aug. 30.
Scarborough.
Castle.

92. Pe. Hawkins to Williamson. On Tuesday, 11 tall ships, supposed to be Dutch men-of-war, were seen four leagues off, and a galliot hoy four miles off, some of them seeming to make for the port; the garrison was put in a posture to defend the town and offend the enemy, and boats were kept plying all night to observe them, but next morning they went northwards.

Aug. 30.
Thursday,
Scarborough
Castle.

93. P. Hawkins to [Williamson]. Yesterday 30 Dutch men-of-war came within a league of Burlington Bay. The whole town and the country people of the adjacent towns were in arms, and the whins on the hill tops fired instead of beacons, and continued till to-day, when they put to sea again and were seen no more. The collier fleet had put to sea before the 11 Dutch ships were seen, but it is conceived that, sailing near the shore, they were not seen by the Dutch.

Aug. 30.
Whitby.

94. Tho. Waade to Williamson. Alarm of Dutch men-of-war given by the bailiffs of Scarborough. Some think them light colliers for Newcastle, but the generality take them for enemies, supposing the great body of their fleet to be without, to secure their East India fleet, returning homewards.

Aug. 30.
Portsmouth.

95. Robt. Mills to James Hicke. Thanks for news; is ashamed to have nothing worth notice to offer. A ship has come for masts and sails for Plymouth stores.

Aug. 30.
Whitehall.

96. H. Muddiman to George Powell, comptroller of Pembroke. News from the Hague, Antigua, Bruges, Ireland, Seville, and Leghorn. The English taken prisoners in the Breda are sent to Breda. A London ship has arrived richly laden from Jamaica and Guinea. The Sorlings took a Dane off the coast of Norway; 30 Swedes men-of-war within sight of the Naes come seasonably to secure the Sound, and give the Danes a just excuse for not assisting Holland. A proclamation is issued for all to repair to their ships, which are hastening to join the fleet. At Salisbury 24 died last week; at Norwich 220, being 203 increase; Ipswich 11, of plague 8; Portsmouth 13, of plague 7; London, within the walls, 266, of plague 30. The Dutch, humbled by their late serious losses, have appointed the first Wednesday of every month as a fast. Hopes they may seek a safe and honourable peace. Col. Panton, Lieut. Broughton, Ensign Howard, Major Miller, and several other officers of the Guards are sent for to the fleet. The Court believes the fleet to be 98, none under fourth rate, beside fire-ships, and the Dutch only 70, drawn out by false intelligence that 20 of the best English ships were sent to Chatham, and only a small winter guard left to maintain the sea; 120 laden colliers passed Yarmouth and 400 more are coming, the ships that went up empty being reladen. They came out of the bar so thick, that they could not steer free of one another. [3 pages.]

Aug. 31.
Barnstaple.

97. P. Manaton to Williamson. Has still only a "nil novi" to salute him with. Will pay his disbursements.

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Penzance,
Mount's Bay.

98. Col. Anth. Buller to Williamson. The men are waiting the vessels to embark for Scilly; on arrival there, will call the officers together and propose to them to pay for their commissions. Hopes to give a particular account of affairs there. Little can be done without the 300*l.* for the fortifications.

Aug. 31.
Noon,
Margate.

99. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is standing off five leagues from shore, the scouts two or three leagues off, and may discern the English fleet in Sole Bay. Expects a fight to night.

Aug. 31.
Canterbury.

100. Col. Thos. Culpepper to Lord Arlington. Going to the Isle of Thanet to inquire of the enemy's fleet, found it at anchor off the North Foreland, four leagues distant. A ketch sailed towards Margate Road, but tacked and returned to the fleet; hopes it was from discovering the English fleet. If they are out by to-morrow, 11 a.m., they will hinder the Dutch getting home, the wind being north-east. Has ordered two companies to guard the coast. Hopes that their readiness makes the occasion seem worthy of Lord Douglas's presence, for the Dutch never intended to land there.

Aug. 31.
Yarmouth.

101. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Yesterday the collier fleet was boarded by several men-of-war's boats to press, and troops were at the sea side to take up those that came ashore. An Ostender reports that on Monday De Ruyter lay off Ostend, with 90 men-of-war. The sickness has broken out again in one house at Yarmouth.

Aug. 31.
Plymouth Fort.

102. Receipt by Robt. Martin, commander of the Great Duke of York, from Sir John Skelton, of packets of letters for the Governor and Council of Massachusetts, and of Connecticut, and for Sir Thos. Temple, governor of Nova Scotia, all which he will deliver if he arrive safely in New England.

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103. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has delivered the packets for New England to the master of the Great Duke of York, belonging to Sir Wm. Warren, and he promises care of them. The provision ships have sailed for Scilly, and will return to Mount's Bay to take in Col. Buller's men, who are supposed to be there by this time. Recommends the business of his son in Norfolk.

Aug. 31.
Dover.

104. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. Will come up if there be no remedy, but can hardly be absent, being about sending a boat to sea for intelligence; 100 Dutch sail were seen off the back of the sands, but have gone northwards. Sir Ant. Desmarces, who has arrived at the castle from Holland, will report how affairs stand there.

Aug. 31.
Dover Castle.

105. William Freman to Williamson. On arrival of Sir Ant. Desmarces from Nieuport, a letter of advice was sent to the generals of the fleet; doubts not but they will send an express, lest foul weather should hinder the boat from reaching the fleet. Sir Anthony says the Dutch East India fleet lies at Ushant, and it is a pity it should get safe home. The Dutch have made haste out to draw the

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English fleet after them, and 100 sail are said to be on the back of the Goodwin. The Nieuport packet being plundered in sight of the castle, men are so fearful that they are unwilling to man a boat to go to the fleet.

Aug. 31. 106. News from Hartlepool that seven great ships and two galliots, supposed Holland men-of-war, have been seen off Scarborough.

Aug. 31. 107. Mark Scott to [Williamson]. Michael Robin, master of the Berwick. St. John of Dieppe, who was taken, carried to Rouen, and detained there till the 21st instant, reports that the Holland fleet was not then come out; that Van Tromp was kept at the Hague and De Ruyter's lieutenant put in his place; and that all the frigates were ordered to rendezvous speedily at Flushing.

Aug. 31. 108. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Two Hamburgers, who came Newcastle. in last night from London, say that the two fleets engaged on Wednesday.

Aug. 31. 109. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Arrival of collier vessels. A Newcastle. ship of Sweden, laden with deals, reports that he left there an East India ship, and an English prize from the West Indies, brought in by a privateer.

Aug. 31. 110. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Some vessels sailing for Scilly Plymouth. will call at Mount's Bay, to take in Col. Buller, the governor, with 300 able soldiers for supply of the garrison. Departure of other ships.

Aug. 31. 111. John Clarke to Williamson. Departure of vessels for Scilly; Plymouth. 5 large ships have been seen off the Lizard, and then 17 more.

Aug. 31. 112. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Aug. 31. 113. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There are no vessels in the Walmer. Downs but a pickeroon four miles from Walmer Castle; 20 die a week of the plague at Deal; it decreases in Sandwich; it crept into Canterbury, but does not spread; the country justices are very careful, and have assessed all the hundreds nigh to contribute. An exchanged prisoner from Holland says the Dutch ships were so lamed last fight they cannot come out this season; seamen and soldiers run away, though the drums beat daily to have them on board, and large wages are offered.

Aug. 31. 114. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Blackamoor and Young Lion Walmer. have brought in eight merchant ships; the Young Lion attacked the sloop lying off the coast, but she escaped. The vessels have sailed for the Thames. The rogues grow bold; some landed in a boat; it is thought they intend to fire and plunder Kingsdown, a mile south of the castle, where two or three old usurers live; there were 50 men in the sloop. Two small frigates would secure those parts, and bring in prizes.

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115. Petition of Cornelius Hooker, of Gray's Inn, to the King, for letters to the magistrates, &c., of Winchester, to restore him to the place of Recorder there, from which he was suspended for his loyalty by the late powers, and Mr. Goddard put in, who is lately deceased.

Aug. 31.
Whitehall.

116. The King to the Mayor of Winchester. Recommends the restoration of Cornelius Hooker, of that place, who was chosen recorder of the town in 1652, but suspended by the then usurped powers, for loyalty; the person substituted being lately dead, the place is vacant.

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Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 201.*]

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Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to sell the ship Charity of Amsterdam to Daniel Collingwood, governor of Holy Island and a cornet in the Life Guards. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 124.*]

Aug. 31.

Reference to the Solicitor General on the petition of Capt. John Bellew, who complains that he is not restored to his estate, although he had the King's letters for his restoration. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 220.*]

Aug. 31.
Antwerp.

117. Aphara [Behn] to Major Halsall. Has at length met with Mr. Scott, who leaves nothing unsaid to beget confidence, seems earnest in his wish to serve, and wants not wit nor address, but only money; the States not having paid them, he is in debt at Amsterdam, and cannot leave; he thinks it best to quit his military employment, as it would keep him too far from the places where his services are needed; he would go at once, but cannot do it without a speedy supply. Celadon [Scott] will do nothing further without full authority, but he should be encouraged, for he can and will do service, and first he must be assured of his pardon. Sands Temple's treachery should not be suddenly discovered, or it may undo all; he is a damnable rogue, and should be kept in prison, for if he be let out, he will get into Holland, discover who have informed of him, and ruin all. [3 pages.]

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Antwerp.

118. A. Behn to Thos. Killigrew. Is obliged to trouble him, as she can get no reply from Mr. Halsall. Celadon [Scott] is most ready to serve His Majesty, but fears being ill dealt with, as all the King's friends there complain of the slenderness of their rewards; yet he tells her everything on her bare word, as confidently as if he had the King's great seal. He must have money, for though the States profess great esteem for the English troops, they have not paid them. Bampfield himself is out of money; dares not go to Holland for fear of Bampfield's jealousy, so gave [Scott] money to come twice to her, which cost 10*l.* a time, and all their letters have to be sent by special messengers. Complains of great expenses; brought only 40*l.* with her, and has to spend 10 guilders a day. Corney, a man in Antwerp, threatens to kill Celadon [Scott] if he comes again, and Bampfield, if he knew of his coming, would accuse him of treachery; therefore [Scott] is afraid to write in his own hand. Corney talks of being employed, and boasts as though he were the King's right hand, but he talks such rhodomontades as to

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be dangerous to trust; entreats for money; owes 25*l.* or 30*l.*; will want more than 50*l.* to pay her debts and go to Holland. Begs to have [Scott's] pardon, and some assurance as to what he may expect. [5 pages.]

Aug. 31.
Plymouth.

119. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Requests orders for manning the Pearl. Only one last of tar and 616 deal boards remain of the lading of the Mermaid. The cordage is shipped on the Pearl, but shall be taken on shore and weighed. The disbursements on various ships amount to 602*l.* Begs speedy payment. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

119. I. *Receipt by John Lanyon, merchant of Plymouth, and agent to the Navy Comrs. there, of the Pearl of Amsterdam, borrowed by them from the Plymouth Prize Comrs., for a voyage to Portsmouth, and promise to deliver the same to the Prize Comrs. for Southampton and Cowes, in as good a condition as when received.* [Copy.]

Aug. 31.
Newcastle.

120. Hum. Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Hopes the Flying Greyhound has arrived at Harwich, and the colliers in the Thames. Sends an account of his disbursements and entreats speedy payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31.
Plymouth.

121. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. The Orange has not 40 men on board; in her late engagements with the Indiaman, and two Dutch capers, many were wounded and killed. The ships that victual generally lack 10, 20, or 40 of their complement. Knows not what light the clerk of the cheque gives to pursers' demands, but hopes the musters of the Orange will be examined. There will be more employment next month, as the fleet is expected. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

121. I. *Account of cask, staves, and iron hoops returned from ships in July and August.*

121. II. *Note of letters of credit granted to two ships for the service during the month of August.*

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Portsmouth.

122. Petition of Thos. Carter, bricklayer in the Portsmouth dockyard, to the Navy Comrs. to be borne on the clerk of the cheque's book and receive his money when the rest of the yard is paid; has advanced almost all he has to purchase goods for the service, and after being at great expense in journeys to London to receive his bills, and long waiting, has had to sell them to great loss. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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123. Petition of Giovanni Lorenzo Viviano, a Genoese, captain of the ship St. Christo de Castello, to the King, for a passport for the said ship, built at Amsterdam for himself and other Geneose residents there, fitted up and laden by them, and now ready to proceed on a trading voyage by Portugal and Spain to Genoa.

Aug.
Whitehall.

124. Warrant for a grant to John Viscount Mordaunt of the estate of Sir Rob. Honeywood, jun., attainted for not having repaired from beyond the seas, when summoned by the proclamation of 21st April last.

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Whitehall. 125. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes, to pay to Sir George Carteret 10,000*l.* on account, for the use of the Navy.
- Aug. 126. Wm. Hickes, Sir Rob. Abdy, and John Bramston, justices of the peace for Essex, to the Navy Comrs. Desire an order for the speedy sending abroad of loose persons taken up by order of the Privy Council as fit for service, and detained in the house of correction, the charge of keeping them being great. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug.
Bristol. 127. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Saunders is satisfied with the trial of the *St. Patrick*; will undertake a third-rate ship; no better place in England can be found for building it than where the *St. Patrick* was built; will take the usual rate of price, and finish it in as short a time as any man of the trade. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,
127. *Capt. Robt. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Certifies that the St. Patrick is as good a contract ship as possible, and answers all expectations as to strength and stoutness of sailing. St. Patrick, below the Holmes, July 24, 1666.*
- Aug. Memoranda [by Williamson from the Signet books] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—
- Grant to Halsnorth and Withers of 40*l.* a year each pension, from the revenue of cos. Bedford and Bucks.
- Commission renewed to the Lord Privy Seal and others to determine cases of appeal on prizes.
- Grant to the feltmakers of London of incorporation. [*Domestic Corresp., June 1666, Vol. 160, No. 126*.*]
- Aug. ? 128. Information that in pursuance of a warrant to search for frames for frame-work knitting, bought with a design to be transported to Portugal, and to take persons concerned therein, the house was searched where the frames were thought to be, but they had been removed to Somerset House; that John Hood and others were solicited to go to Lisbon, there to follow the art of frame-work knitting; that John Herbert, now in custody, was employed to buy frames, and one was carried to the house of the late Ambassador of Portugal, and that the Countess Panerna is thought to be principally concerned in the business.
- Aug.
Whitehall. 129. Memorandum that many persons in a certain commission being absent, Sir Godfrey Lloyd and Capt. Blencow be added as Commissioners.
- Aug. ?
Naples. 130. Enconium, addressed to Charles II. by Francesco Bruno, on the late victory of his armada, under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, against the Seven United Provinces; with a dedication to the King. [*Italian verse, 11 pages.*]

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Sept. 1.
Harwich.

1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Leaves it to him whether to deliver or suppress the enclosed to Lord [Arlington]. Was sent for by the Prince and Duke to the fleet, to secure the prizes which encumbered them. Cannot get a small vessel to ply near the fleet for intelligence, as ordered, nor a man who would not care more about plunder than giving intelligence. Wants to beg the prize flyboat Salvator, from which the fleet has used many thousands of deals.

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2. Petition of Silas Taylor, of Harwich, to the King, for a grant of a small Dutch dogger, now at Harwich, as reward for his charger able service during the war.

Sept. 1.
Ipswich.

3. J. Knight to Williamson. The notice in the Gazette of the King's care for maimed seamen has caused a meeting at Ipswich, to enact that all lands given or bequeathed for the poor should be employed in maintenance of maimed seamen; as they have no hospitals except the remains of a monastery where their poor children are kept at work, an almshouse, hitherto employed for old women, is to be extended to men, with a more ample allowance. The plague is less at Ipswich this week, only eight having died, and also in the adjacent places, but has increased at Harwich. The fleet has sailed with the recovered seamen on board, and some hundreds more will soon be ready. Tried to engage a correspondent, but he declined, on the ground that the nobility and gentry about there think that all business of concern is entrusted to Sec. Morice; that the generals send their dispatches to him, and that he burns them, after communicating them to the King only; they insinuate that the Earl of Suffolk was author of this rumour; the same calumny, levelled at Lord Arlington, was spoken of even by some Parliament men. Apologizes for repeating such a "story of Jo. an Oakes, and Jo. a Styles." A former Presbyterian repents his change, because he says that party is trump at Court and will continue so. Wishes to be in the commission for the provision of maimed seamen. [2 pages.]

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4. N. Oudart to Williamson. Sends a translation of De Witt's letter on the two outlets to the sea from Texel, one of which could be used for great ships. It would make a gap for a cavalcade of Holmes; wishes Williamson, as knowing things which he cannot guess at, would revise his papers. Will hasten to be nearer him, to know whether he can be as useful as he is willing.

Sept. 1.
York.

5. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. All are quiet; a fresh fleet of light colliers has come into Newcastle.

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Kinsale.

6. Thos. Burrows to James Hickes. A Swedish vessel laden with salt has come in from Rochelle. The Sapphire and Forester are going to sea.

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- Sept. 1. 7. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Ninety sail of ships were seen this
Walmer. morning at the back of the Goodwin.
- Sept. 1. 8. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A ship has blown up in the fleet at
Walmer. the back of the Goodwin. Is going with Mr. Carlisle to the Isle of
Thanet, to inquire what fleet it is.
- Sept. 1. 9. Jo. Smith to Williamson. Two vessels from Nieuport have
Margate, come in, with seamen that had been taken by the Dutch, and some
1 P.M. gentlemen also; one of them, Charles Williamson, who went over
lately with Lord Arlington's pass for horses, saw the Dutch fleet
this morning between the Goodwin Sand and Calais. At Nieuport
he saw Van Tromp, who it was said was bound for England, to serve
the King, and landed yesterday at Dover, and thence went to
Canterbury. At Middleburg, a vision was seen of two fleets in the
air, the English and Dutch, and the colliers also, and the Dutch
fleet was wholly destroyed by burning and sinking.
- Sept. 1. 10. John Smith to Williamson. A scout sent to the Dutch fleet
Margate. reports that last night the whole English fleet was in view of the
Dutch, and keeps between them and home. He was chased by
five Dutch ships, and unable to get to our fleet again. A Dutch
ship has blown up by accident, and De Ruyter's ship has lost her
mainmast.
- Sept. 1. 11. Jo. Golder to Williamson. Sends a packet from beyond seas
Dover. for the Duke of Albemarle. An able seaman has espied both the
fleets, and heard the guns plainly; the Dutch keep in a round
body, and make off from the English, betwixt Black Ness and
Staples, keeping near the French coast. The English fleet is in
pursuit, and an engagement is expected to-morrow. One of the
Dutch flag ships has fired and blown up, and another of their large
ships has lost the mainmast.
- Sept. 1. 12. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Tidings of the Dutch
Dover. fleet brought by the Calais packet boat; they have three flag ships,
an admiral, and two vice-admirals; the blowing up of one of them
was seen from Dover, and made the town shake. It is thought the
English fleet keeps to the north of the Dutch, and would soon be
upon them, but for the high wind.
- Sept. 1. 13. Wm. Freman to Williamson. Hopes the weather will permit
Dover Castle. the sending Sir Anthony Desmarces' letters to the generals to day,
but copies should be sent another way. The Dutch fleet of 100
sail is in sight, and N.E. of them are 60 ships sailing as fast as
they can up to them, supposed to be the English fleet. The wind
is east and the Dutch within a league or two of the French
shore; a ship greatly in rear of the others was fired and sunk,
either by accident or on purpose. The English fleet has the weather
gage.
- Sept. 1. 14. Wm. Freman to Williamson. The Calais boat meeting with
Dover Castle. the Dutch fleet was forced to return; the master counted 90 Dutch
7 P.M. sail, saw one ship blow up, and another of 70 guns that had lost

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her mainmast. The Dutch were sailing away and the English fleet was after them, and its van has now engaged the rear of the enemy, for broadsides have been heard this half hour. They began off the point of land beyond Boulogne; the body of the fleet is not come up; there is an east gale, too stiff to bear out the lower tier of guns.

Sept. 1.
Newcastle.

15. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Reported an East Indiaman at North Barbayn, but finds there is no ship there but a Dutch West Indiaman, which brought in an English boat laden with sugar and tobacco; the Dutch skipper and English master are very good friends.

Sept. 1.
Bridlington.

16. John Bower to James Hickes. Begs him to represent to Sir Wm. Coventry the need of a fifth-rate frigate or two to guard those coasts; three men-of-war have lately been seen between there and the Humber.

Sept. 1.
Southwold.

17. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. On Sept. 29 the seamen hastened on board the fleet; the 30th they stood out, but came to anchor again, and took up several able seamen from a great fleet of colliers which came up. The 31st they stood south-east till they were out of sight; 1,000 sick and wounded have been landed at Southwold, but many have recovered and gone on board again. When the fleet was there, Sir Thos. Clifford sometimes came ashore, and was very careful in giving orders. Major Marsh with his troop was very active, so that with the deputy lieutenants' care, the seamen who attempted to escape were brought into town and sent aboard. The fleet is well manned with seamen; many supernumerary landmen were put ashore, and have gone home; 100 landmen came in sick; they should be discharged, as they are not likely to do good service at sea. Sent 211 prisoners to Sudbury, and 40 more have landed since. Whilst the fleet was in, the weather was fine; they had plenty of fresh provisions to refresh their men, and are in a gallant posture. It has blown hard north-east all night. Surgeon-general Pearse has taken much pains along the coast among the sick and wounded; he is going for London.

Sept. 1.
Harwich.

18. Silas Taylor to Lord Arlington. On Thursday the fleet sailed for the coasts of Flanders, wanting only fire-ships. Has forwarded Lord Arlington's letter to the generals. Hears from Ostend that De Witt's brother pistoled Van Trump for mutinous words against the States, and that the latter broke his sword and vowed never to serve them more. Also that De Ruyter has had the order of St. Michael sent from the French King. There have 300 sail of colliers passed towards London. A fair Holland privateer, taken off Newcastle, has been brought in. Later news has arrived that the fleet is off the Longsand, in sight of the enemy, and both labouring for the wind, which is high. In the night many guns were fired; the Dutch seem very resolute or desperate. Some of the largest English ships struck on the side of the Longsand, but are come off well. The Dutch are reckoned 70 or 80. [1½ pages.]

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Bridgewater.

19. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. Begs to have the book (Gazette) sent off by the Thursday's post, that he may receive it on Saturday, as others do, instead of Monday. Vessels from Bristol and Gloucester report that the frigate building in the Forest [of Dean] is nearly finished, and that the Channel is free from pirates.

Sept. 1.
Weymouth.

20. John Pocock to James Hickes. On the 30th the fishermen on the back of Portland heard 50 pieces of ordnance fired to the north-east, but could discover no sail. The captain of the foot walked with his company all night, for fear of any attempt. There is a very great press amongst the seamen.

Sept. 1.
Edinburgh.

21. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Prizes are brought in daily. A little privateer of six guns has taken a rich ship laden with spices going to Denmark, with the King of Denmark's natural son on board.

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Rushton.

22. Lord Cullen and Lewis Palmer to Williamson. Send an account of Mr. Baynes, a prisoner, to be presented to Lord Arlington and beg a speedy return.

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Three warrants for removing Thomas Hardcastle to Chester. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 124.]

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23. Petition of John Croke and Samuel Laurence to the King. Ten years ago, Thos. Yate of Berkshire bequeathed lands, value 120*l.* a year, towards building and maintaining a monastery and 200*l.* for an altar when the Romish religion should be re-established; also 300*l.* each to three daughters in nunneries abroad, and after their decease, which has now happened, the whole to go to the said nunneries. Beg a grant of the said lands and moneys, with arrears of rent, they being forfeit to the Crown, by being bequeathed for superstitious and unlawful uses. With report thereon, October 18, 1666, that Mr. Yate's executor forswore his will in Chancery, but afterwards proved it, to prevent the mother-in-law administering; that a nunnery at Nieuport has sent over an agent to demand the legacy of 900*l.*, which the executor refused to pay, and threatens on any suit to discover the money in the Exchequer, but the petitioners will give one half on recovery, to the great satisfaction of the agent; that the discoverers are the agent and two Catholic gentlemen, witnesses to the will, who seeing the land sold and the moneys not disbursed according to the testator's will, desire that all may devolve on His Majesty, whose right it is.

Sept. 1.
Bristol.

24. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Wants orders for felling keel pieces for the third-rate ship. Hopes the business of land-carriage will not hinder the progress of the present work, as it did of the last; much of his supply comes from other places than the forest, and is to be delivered free of charge in Bristol River. Has no fear of want of hands. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Sept. 2.
Plymouth.

25. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The ammunition ships have sailed for Scilly, and will return to Mount's Bay to take in

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soldiers. The Milford is arrived from the Downs; she was chased by four of the Dutch fleet, and saw 80 and odd sail more plying to the windward. Part of Beaufort's fleet is at Rochelle, and part cruising off Ireland. The sickness is hot in their fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 2. 26. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends the remainder of his
Plymouth. credit and cash accounts for the last two months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 2. 27. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for the last
Dover. month; explains a mistake relative to the provisions for the Success. The Dutch fleet has sailed round by Calais, and one of their flag ships fired; the English are in pursuit. It is thought the fleets are not far distant from each other, but were they together, the wind is too high for them to engage. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

27. I. *Schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted to ships in August.*

27. II. *Account of cask and iron hoops received from ships in August.*

Sept. 2. 28. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Begs an order for the
Dover. purchase of certain pinnaces, masts, sails, &c., taken up at sea, and in possession of the Duke of York's officers, as Lord High Admiral. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 2. 29. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Seven Ostenders, laden with salt
Plymouth. from Rochelle, report De Beaufort arrived there with his fleet of 40 sail, three whereof are Dutch; they are preparing for sea, and waiting orders to join the Dutch fleet, which was confidently reported to have taken the Isle of Wight. The Milford saw the Dutch fleet of 100 sail in the Downs, and some of them chased her.

Sept. 2. 30. Wm. Freman to Williamson. Yesterday the wind blowing
Dover Castle. hard east, the fleets went out of sight. Guns were heard till 8 last night, and again at break of day. Some ships descried westward are supposed to be the sternmost of the fleet. No boat can go out for the wind. The governor has arrived, with the Duke of Richmond and Lenox, and sent an express to the western ports.

Sept. 2. 31. William Waynflet to Williamson. On Friday the English
Southwold, fleet was making after the Dutch southward; towards night the
4 P.M. English brought their fleet in order; the White led the van, the Red followed, and the Blue in the rear. A French vessel laden with butter and lead, much damaged, is put ashore near the town; it is one of those that brought over Lord Douglas; the master has the Duke of York's pass, is bound for France, and intends to recover his goods and men, which are secured till orders for their delivery.

Sept. 2. 32. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Two prizes sold there were
Falmouth. bought by Capts. Manning and Hall. De Beaufort stopped first at Belle Isle, but hearing of the overthrow which the English had

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given the Dutch, thought it not safe to stay there, lest the English should destroy all his fleet, and went to Rochelle. The Venetians on board the *Lady of Grace*, a Venetian vessel belonging to Alderman Foot, of London, intended to kill an English merchant and two passengers on board, and carry the vessel to the enemy, but were prevented by the *Victory* privateer, who boarded her, and sent the vessel, with four of her men on board, to Falmouth. The *Peter and Ann* of London, coming from Cadiz laden with wines, was taken by two Dutch capers. Particulars of other ships. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Sept. 2. 33. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. It is reported that De Beaufort
Plymouth Fort. has reached Rochelle, with 40 vessels, but that his seamen run away very much; he expects orders to convoy through the Channel 16 or 18 salt ships bound for Havre de Grace, and so meet the Dutch fleet. The *Milford*, long detained in the Thames by the Dutch fleet, has arrived. Has ordered her to Mount's Bay, to carry Col. Buller's men to Scilly, if the frigates that convoyed the ammunition ships thither are unable to return.

Sept. 2. 34. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King.
Royal Charles, Weighed anchor on the 30th, but could make no way for the calm;
St. Helen's sailed on the 31st, and when off Balsey Cliff, discovered the enemy
Point. to the south-east, and sailed thither; in spite of the pilot's assurance to the contrary, struck on the *Galloper*, but got off quickly, and then, with the White squadron in the van and Blue in the rear, steered after the enemy and approached them on the 1st; they stood for Boulogne Road, and got close to shore. Particulars of an attempted attack, which failed because the enemy had the weather side and were in smooth water, and a violent storm came on, which disabled several ships, therefore the fleet was summoned together, and retired to St. Helen's Point, there to prevent the conjunction with the French, and refit, so as to get to sea the first fine weather. [3 pages.]

Sept. 2. 35. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several great English ships
Harwich. struck, which the Hollanders guessing, made up, when 100 guns were exchanged, but the ships cleared again. Some ships are said to be gone into the Thames, to be refitted from injuries received in the storm, which has continued since Friday. Asks an opinion about his begging the *Salvator* fly-boat prize. Mr. Mercer, Mercy, or Massy [Sir Ant. Desmarces], went to the fleet on Thursday, but through the weather, the *Royal Charles* had to receive and return his letters by lines.

Sept. 2. 36. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Dutch fleet came out because
Sandwich. they durst stay no longer in harbour. Things look happily on the English side. The foot and horse are up throughout East Kent, from Dover to Canterbury. With postscript by J. Carlisle that he is going to Rye, to find a correspondent, as Dallett does not do his duty, and then to wait on the [Prize] Comrs. to answer objections against him. Wants a power for Mr. Watts to command a boat to cruise about the Narrows.

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Sept. 3. Yarmouth. 37. Rich. Bower to Williamson. It has blown hard since Friday till last night. Lord Townshend came to the town, attended by a troop of the gentry, and returned this evening. Two foot companies of the militia, sent to quarter in the town, are put into private houses.
- Sept. 3. Chester, 38. M. A[nderton] to Williamson. News from Dublin; progresses of the Lord Lieutenant, and indisposition of the Lord Chancellor. The Sapphire and Forester have sailed from Kinsale to cruise off Galloway. Capt. Rooth, of the Dartmouth, with one of the prizes, is bound for Bristol.
- Sept. 3. Dover. 39. Wm. Freman to Williamson. Thought the fleets were drawing up to engage, but it was only the Dutch fleet rallying together; they all stood back into Boulogne Bay, and none pursue them. The English fleet was blown westward, and passed by Hastings on Sunday. The St. Andrew was driven ashore near Rye, and the Happy Return has lost her mainmast.
- Sept. 3. Pendennis. 40. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Details of the violent behaviour of the Venetians, Italians, and Maltese, on board the Lady of Grace, towards Abraham Walwyn, a merchant on board, and Mr. Felton, a young passenger. They were wounded and cried for help, when Capt. Lucy, of the Victory privateer, being near, came up, and secured the four principal offenders; the deputy vice-admiral has secured the vessel, and the merchant has gone to London. Particulars of other vessels in harbour. [2 pages.]
- Sept. 3. Pembroke. 41. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Dartmouth is in harbour, with the vessel she is to convoy for Bristol; some ships have come in from Ireland. Several letters have come to Mr. Powell from Mr. Cook, from Sir Wm. Morice's. Powell has neglected them several posts, and now they neglect him.
- Sept. 3. 42. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- Sept. 3. Walmer. 43. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A fleet of 90 or 100 sail went by Longsands Head, 11 a.m., undoubtedly the English; would have seen it, and the last fleet, had he an order for a boat and eight or ten men. Divers Dutchmen are cast up near Walmer and Kingsdown.
- Sept. 3. Chester Castle. 44. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Thanks for the constant continuance of his papers. Intended progress of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; he will spend a month at Kilkenny. All are in good order there except some tories; the militia being of such as will take the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, none of the Irish, who wholly refuse the latter, are in it. Has discovered some officers in the late rebellion,—Capt. Jo. Heely of Rowton, Lieut. Hen. Moore of Warton, Lieut. Thos. Canley, and Commissary Thos. Finchett of Cotton, and Commissary Rich. Robinson of Baughton, who brag that they have escaped the oaths; will send for them, and if they refuse the Oath of Allegiance, will secure them. Will strictly search the dwellings of some who are said to conceal arms; asks how to proceed against them in case of guilt.

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Weymouth

45. John Pocock to James Hickes. A small French vessel, taken by a frigate, ran aground for want of skill, in the storm; and before she could be got off, her rigging, sails, and tackling were stolen.

Sept. 3.
West Cowes.

46. John Lysle to Williamson. Last night some ships espied to the east caused general alarm, and Sir Hen. Jones put the whole militia in a posture of defence, but the suspected enemy proved to be the fleet of 100 sail riding at Spithead. Two ketches came in for provisions, and the Prize Comrs. have sent them wine and brandy. They chased the Dutch fleet till Sunday, when it bore into Boulogne Bay, and is supposed to make towards Ushing to join de Beaufort. Some of the English ships lost topmasts and yards in the pursuit; some of the best sailers have gone westward to espy the enemy. The State differences in Holland give hopes of a happy peace. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Sept. 3.
Truro.

47. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Report of the rescue, by an English privateer, of three Englishmen in a Genoese or Venetian vessel, who would otherwise have been destroyed by the Genoese, and the vessel carried into Holland. Col. Buller with his company, 100 comely, well-apparelled young men, quartered one night in Truro, and marched next day to Penzance, where they are to be mustered and then embark for Scilly.

Sept. 3.
Dover Castle.

48. Willm. Freman to Williamson. This morning both fleets were discovered eight leagues off the French coast, and are supposed to be engaged, for the smoke is seen, though no guns are heard. The governor has sent a small vessel to the fleet for intelligence. With postscript by Col. John Strode, governor, that the wind blows a fine gale N.E., and he hopes the Dutch will have cause to remember the 3rd of September.

Sept. 3.
Bristol.

49. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. Has taken his leave of buck hunting. The mayor committed some Dutchmen who, in their drink, spoke of a design of firing the ships at the quay, and said it would be a lost day for Bristol and a bloody one for England. They said on examination that they were drunk, and one pretended himself a Swede. The mayor was the more strict because, during the Spanish war, the Hollanders several times fired the Spanish ships in their harbours by such agents; therefore such exchanged prisoners should not ramble at pleasure, but be conducted to their place of embarking. The dumb boy's tongue had been freshly cut out by a surgeon, and the mayor paid 7s. to a surgeon to cure him. He approves what was said about him in the Gazette. Thinks he assents to the strange things they ask him, because he finds that such stories take with the magistrates. No such ship as the Mary has been in London.

Sept. 3.
Norwich.

50. Robert Scrivener to James Hickes. No news. Hopes a decrease in the bill [of mortality].

Sept. 3.
Chiswick.

51. Sir Jas. Modyford to [Williamson]. Has with some difficulty found Thos. Kendal's packet, broken it open, and sends Lord

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Arlington's letters. Wishes his lordship to be informed that the governor of Jamaica has done all in his own name concerning the privateers' commissions, in order that nothing may impede any treaty at home.

Sept. 3. 52. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Entreats assistance for Mr. Heron, Pendennis. in procuring two commissions for privateers, as several more are to be granted; he will give the names of the officers and ships.

Sept. 3. 53. Thos. Bridges to Williamson. Asks assistance for himself and Keynsham. a friend, in obtaining a small thing which will be of some advantage, without trenching on the King's revenue or the privileges of his subjects. The reply is to be directed to High Street, Bristol.

Sept. 3. 54. Sir. Thos. Allin to Williamson. They left Southwold, Friday Royal James, August 31, and at noon spied the Dutch fleet off the Longsand; in St. Helen's Road. keeping easterly to get wind, some ships struck on the Galloper, but all got clear off. September 1st, saw the Dutch at noon, standing towards Blackness to anchor in St. John's road, but the admirals did not engage, for it was near 6 p.m., no fire-ships nor small frigates were by, and it blew a storm of wind; De Ruyter in vain fired some guns at two ships in the rear. Several have had their masts and sails blown away. The generals have given the writer the Fortune pink, so far as they can, and Sir Thos. Clifford promised to write to Lord Arlington to get the King's free gift.

Sept. 3. 55. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. Refers for news to the large Royal Charles, St. Helen's Road. dispatches of the Prince, Duke, and Sir Thos. Clifford. The storm which saved the enemy has made a great impression on some of the ships; hopes three days may repair the damage, that they may yet see the enemy before they return to their own coast. Had the glory of making them fly without fighting, and showing the French King that the King of Great Britain is still sovereign of the seas; but for the winds, the enemy's fleet had probably fallen into their hands, and thus determined the empire of those seas; some of the Dutch vessels are injured by the weather, which was so exceeding violent that the English fleet put in for safety and repairs, rather than lie abroad to be battered by wind and water. The St. Andrew and Happy Return have been driven aground near Rye.

Sept. 3. 56. Thos. Constantine to Williamson. Mr. Bowes, who keeps a Yarmouth. public house, can give a better account of public occurrences. An express came yesterday to summon all ships to repair to the fleet. Lord Townshend has been thither, and taken orders for the security of the town, by placing there two companies of county militia, and one to guard the sea coasts by Winterton.

Sept. 3. 57. News letter to Mr. Pauley. The Dutch are sensible of their want of good commanders; they can only rely on De Ruyter and Banckaert: only six persons among them know whether their East India fleet will come this year. If they receive a blow next engagement, De Witt is lost and the Prince of Orange will up. Trump resolves never to serve unless the Prince be taken into the government.

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Beaufort is at Rochelle, but will not come to the next fight, nor does his master much desire it. The Dutch came out confidently, on a report that the English fleet was divided, and part gone in search of their East India fleet. The maritime counties are warned to be in arms, to prevent any descent. The Hollanders are in such confusion at home that another engagement would end the war. De Witt has drawn all his money and estate into France. [2½ pages.]

Sept. 3.
Warwick gaol.

58. Henry Jackson, jun., called a Quaker, to the King. Has been prisoner two years and eight months for keeping Christ's commands. Came to the town to visit a friend in prison, but others flocking thither, it was called an unlawful meeting, and he was stayed and taken prisoner, on refusing the Oath of Allegiance, although he said that in his own county, his word was accepted instead of his oath by the justices of assize. Has remained two years in prison since; appealed to the judges last assizes, saying he had never heard his charge, been tried by no jury, &c., but they said they could not reverse a sentence of præmunire, the King must do it. Urges that his imprisonment is illegal, the penalty for attending unlawful meetings being only imprisonment for three months; as to the oath, it is well known that it is refused only from a scruple about swearing; 20 of them are thronged in a stinking room, where they cannot all lie down together, neither straw nor food allowed except at enormous rates, even 3d. for a quart of water, and what their friends bring them taken from them four or five days together, so that moderate people, though not of their opinions, in tenderness throw bread over a house top into the dungeon court for them; all bedclothes are taken away, and they are sometimes struck with a staff and chained one to another. Hopes from the late permission to French and Dutch to live peaceably in the country, that His Majesty's own peaceable subjects may do so. Entreats the release of himself and friends, who suffer for conscience' sake. Can produce sufficient witnesses of his statements, in the partakers of his sufferings.

Sept. 3.

Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Governor of Dover Castle to lay an embargo upon the Cinque Ports, for no vessel nor person to pass out without further orders. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 125.*]

Sept. 3.

Warrant to Sir John Griffith, governor of the forts at Gravesend, to prevent all shipping going out of the river till further orders. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 126.*]

Sept. 3.

Grant to Wm. Ireland of the parsonage of Gedney, co. Lincoln. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 3.

59. List of the five posts, viz., Temple Bar, Clifford's Inn Gardens, Fetter Lane, Shoe Lane, and Cow Lane, at which the constables of the respective parishes are ordered to attend, each with 100 men, during the fire of London; at every post are to be 30 foot with a good careful officer, and three gentlemen, who are to have power to give 1s. to any who are diligent all night; these men to be relieved from the country to-morrow; five pounds in bread, cheese, and beer

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allowed to every post. Two companies of the trained bands are to guard people's goods in Lincoln's Inn Fields, Gray's Inn Fields, Hatton Garden, and St. Giles' Fields, and a great officer to go round to see these orders executed. Endorsed [by Lord Arlington] "The several posts at this end of the town, with the method of working them;" and in another hand, "During the time of the fire."

[Sept. 3.] 60. List [by Williamson] of the said five posts, with note that at Temple Bar, Lord Belasyse, Mr. Chicheley, and Hugh May were to attend.

Sept. 3. 61. J. Hickes to [Williamson]. Sir Philip [Frowde] and his lady
Golden Lion, fled from the [letter] office at midnight for safety; stayed himself
Red Cross till 1 a.m., till his wife and childrens' patience could stay no longer,
Street fearing lest they should be quite stopped up; the passage was so
Posthouse. tedious, they had much ado to get where they are. The Chester and
Irish mails have come in; sends him his letters; knows not how to
dispose of the business. Is sending his wife and children to Barnet.

Sept. 3. 62. Petition of Cornelius Rietvelt, Dutch baker, and other Prisoners in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for release; they are committed on a false rumour that they set their own house on fire, and their goods are taken from them by the violence of the multitude, so that they have not money to subsist.

Sept. [3.] 63. Affirmation of five witnesses that they heard Anne Singles [English] say that five or six Frenchmen came to her master's house, and advised him to get his goods away, for within six weeks that house and all the street would be burned down to the ground. She will not tell her master's name nor abode.

Sept. 3. 64. Examination of Elizabeth Green, of Chequer Alley, King
Whitehall. Street, Rich. Doe, of Covent Garden, Anne Cave, and Alice Richards, of the Great Almonry, Westminster. Heard Ann English [English] say yesterday that if her master had been wise, he might have prevented the loss of his goods by fire, for six weeks ago, five or six Dutch or French warned him of it; cannot say where they might be found. Also

Examination of Anne English. Lives with Wm. Peck, in James Street, Covent Garden; denies saying the words objected to her, but only that she heard that the French and Dutch had kindled this fire in the city. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 3. 65. Sir W. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The Duke of York
Night. fears the want of workmen and tools to-morrow morning, and wishes
Whitehall. the deputy lieutenants and justices of peace to summon the workmen with tools to be there by break of day. In some churches and chapels, are great hooks for pulling down houses, which should be brought ready upon the place to-night against the morning.

Sept. 3. 66. John Lord Berkeley to Sir Wm. Batten. Desires a warrant
The Tower. for the delivery of all water engines remaining in store at Deptford and Woolwich, on account of the dreadful fire now raging; also for the attendance of all persons, capable either by hand or judgment

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to assist in the preservation of the Tower. With short hand notes of a reply by Pepys. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 3.
Dover.

67. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of victualling stores; can bake 14,000 lb. of biscuit per week; nine vessels are employed in the victualling service, which can carry 350 tons of provisions; in 14 days' time, 300 tuns of beer can be supplied, besides 235 to be sent this week; it is reported that the Dutch fleet are near upon the French coast, and an engagement is expected. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 3.
Harwich.

68. Rich. James to the Navy Comrs. The Providence is leaky, and obliged to separate from the fleet for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Katherine
Yacht,
Portsmouth.

69. Capt. Robt. Wood to Sir Wm. Coventry. Met the fleet at Orfordness. The Duke of York ordered the men on board the fire-ships, and the Dutch fleet was soon seen; the yacht is damaged by the wind, and has put into harbour for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

70. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sir Wm. Coventry. The victualler is preparing all he can, and has a great quantity of provisions ready; the wants of the fleet are so great that the whole contents of the stores will not supply one-fourth of their demands; if any ships are intended for Portsmouth this winter, a full supply must be made for them; has orders from the generals to deliver to the officers every demand to which the commander's hand is set; finds the captains as ready to set their hands to the officers' demands as they are to demand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

71. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The fleet is at Portsmouth; their wants are so great that it is impossible to supply them; has orders to deliver what the commander of every ship demands; believes "that some of the commanders knoweth as well what they demand as a horse, when he hath oysters in his manger, knoweth how to eat them;" speedy recruits of all things must be sent down. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Portsmouth.

72. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. The whole fleet is arrived at Spithead, in pursuit of the Dutch; no hearty preparations are made by the victualler, except of bread; Sir Jos. Jordan has sent warrants for two hoys of nine men each, for a month, which are supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Plymouth.

73. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of victualling stores. Appoints Mr. Gibson to receive the bills made out for his salary. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Rye.

74. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to Sir Wm. Coventry. The Happy Return and St. Andrew are both in harbour, although much disabled by striking on the Rip Rapp, off Folkestone; promises his own assistance and that of the jurats of the town, in forwarding the King's interest; asks directions about the sick persons on board the said ships; the town is too poor to defray the charge of them if set on shore; a Dover vessel brings news of 80 sail of the Dutch being seen off the coast of France. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Sept. 4. Antwerp. 75. [Aphara Behn] to Thos. Killigrew. Begs not to be made incapable of serving for want of money, having pawned her very rings to get the man [Scott] there; the place is so dear that she has been unable to buy so much as a shoe to travel in. Wants 100*l.* to pay her debts and go to the Hague. [Scott] is so cautious that he makes all pass through her hands, and expects her and money daily. Wants a copy of Sands Temple's letter to Bampfield; the letters of Bampfield should be taken. Begs for the money to be sent to Mr. Piers, in whom she can confide. [2 pages.]
- Sept. 4. Plymouth. 76. John Clarke to Williamson. The Milford has sailed to Mount's Bay, to convey troops to Scilly, and will then take pressed men for the fleet; six or eight Ostenders and Nieuporters have put in, and their masters are under examination as to whether they have goods on the Dutch account.
- Sept. 4. 77. John Clarke to James Hicke. To the same effect.
- Sept. 4. Dover Castle. 78. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. He and Major Freman will give all the intelligence of consequence that comes to hand, but reports are so extravagant that sometimes he dares not venture to write them.
- Sept. 4. Dover Castle. 79. Major Willm. Freman to Williamson. Can get no tidings of the fleet, nor what the 100 ships seen are. The St. Andrew has got off and come into Rye harbour.
- Sept. 4. Newcastle. 80. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The eight ships and two galliots which alarmed the governor of Hartlepool, and caused the lighting of the beacons, proved light colliers. The great collier ship that ran ashore when the last fleet sailed has got off; 50 or 60 laden colliers are ready for a convoy.
- Sept. 4. Portsmouth. 81. Sir P. Honeywood to Williamson. The fleet arrived on Sunday, in St. Helen's road, damaged by the storm; whilst it remains, the generals send daily accounts; but when they leave, will not fail to give news.
- Sept. 4. Portsmouth. 82. Robt. Mills to James Hicke. The whole of the English fleet came to St. Helen's on Sunday, much torn in masts and rigging, and four ships reported to be lost.
- Sept. 4. Rye. 83. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to Williamson. A vessel has come into harbour which was yesterday within gunshot of the Dutch fleet of 80 sail, on the coast of France, near Blackness.
- Sept. 4. Rye. 84. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Did not receive his of the first till yesterday 10 a.m., but sent off a ketch with the packet to Sir Thos. Clifford; hopes the fleet has got to Portsmouth; the St. Andrew and Happy Return are there, much injured and some men drowned; several Dutch men are cast ashore dead. His boat was chased by two Dutch ships. The Dutch fleet of 90 sail lies near Blackness.

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Rye.

85. Jo. Dallett to Williamson. Has received but one letter since that sent by Lord Arlington for Lord Douglas; has written several, but they have not been received; will give accounts in future how affairs stand. Reports of the Dutch fleet. Has promised Mr. Carlisle, who came to seek a correspondent, to write regularly. Asks for a Gazette or two weekly, and an order to command the postmaster to send an express in any case of concern.

Sept. 4.
Aldborough.

86. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Particulars of the late movements of the Dutch and English fleets. A fourth-rate frigate bringing in a fly-boat prize has gone for Harwich. A French hoy laden with butter and lead, was stranded near Dunwich; 700 barrels of butter and all the lead are secured as prize, but she has the Duke of York's pass as bringing over Lord Douglas's regiment. Sir Wm. Doyley and Serjeant Knight send remembrances.

Sept. 4.
Dover Castle.

87. Capt. John Strode to Lord Arlington. Will obey his orders to stop all vessels to foreign ports. Believes the fleet lying six leagues off to be the English, though some say it is the Dutch. Thinks the frigate sent out is detained by the Lord General; will keep Sir Peter Wyche, Mr. Lovin, and other volunteers, till there is more certainty, especially as a fifth-rate vessel is come up to enquire after the fleet.

Sept. 4.
Ostenhanger.

88. Col. Thos. Culepepper to Lord Arlington. Fears that through violence of the storm, the fleet has missed the Dutch fleet; a great ship ran ashore between Rumney and Rye, and another put in there, which would not have been put on shore except to avoid falling into the enemy's hands. Mr. Carlisle's boat saw 90 sail of Dutchmen on the coast of France, over against Blackness. The soldiers do not fear the Dutch, though much disturbed by the baylie of Rumney marsh, who is a very ill man. An iron gun or two at Dimchurch would do great service, if any descent were attempted. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Sept. 4.
Southwold.

89. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. Particulars of ships seen; a fire-ship has put in for necessities, but rejoined the fleet. Sir Wm. Doyley and Serjeant Knight are taking much pains for the sick and wounded.

Sept. 4.
Portsmouth.

90. Robt. Mills to Williamson. Arrival of the English fleet at St. Helen's.

Sept. 4.
Reading.

91. Rowland Selby to Williamson. Offers to buy a horse for him at a great horse fair to be held there in three weeks. Begs help about his business with Mr. Gostage; would not have it forgot, since Lord Arlington refused his present of a horse.

Sept. 4.
Walmer.

92. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Several Dutchmen have been blown ashore between Deal and Walmer, and much wreck, supposed to come from two ships, reported to be fast on Goodwin Sands. The fleet sailed yesterday westward from the South Foreland.

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Harwich.

93. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Saturday the fleet sailed, narrowly escaping the Galloper and Longsand; the wind that was north veered south, and two or three ships have come in much injured. There is a report of a great fire in London on Sunday, believed to be the doing of the Dutch and French; they should be found out and made examples of.

Sept. 4.
Whitehall.

Warrant for removing the Exchequer to Nonsuch, Surrey, as many lighters and carriages as needful to be hired, and all mayors, bailiffs, &c., to assist therein, at their peril. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 288.*]

Sept. 4.

The King to the Lord Lieuts. of Middlesex, Surrey, and Hertfordshire. The hand of God being laid on the city by a raging fire, enjoins them, for prevention of unhappy consequences in the disturbance of peace and quiet, to draw together the militia of those counties at the most fitting rendezvous, giving timely notice of all that occurs. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 130.*]

Sept. 4.
Whitehall.

94. Lord Arlington to Sir Thos. Clifford. God has visited the city with a heavy calamity; a fire began on Sunday at one a.m. in Pudding Lane, and has burned since both ways, towards the Tower and Westminster, and as far into the body of the city as Paul's, with such violence that no art can meddle with it. All hopes now rest in cutting off a part of the town by Holborn bridge down to Bridewell. The consequences are terrible by the disorders likely to follow. The King, with the unanimous concurrence of the Council, wishes the Lord General were here, and Sec. Morice is sounding him to know whether he would be willing to be ordered home. Is confident, could he see the condition they are in, he would think it more honour to be called home than to stay in the fleet, where he may not have an opportunity of fighting; he would have it in his hands to give the King his kingdom a second time, and the world would see the value the King sets on him. Wishes this to be urged upon him, only with the reserve that His Majesty leaves him to make the choice himself. Sends a French gazette. When they hear this sad story of London, they will give all the trouble they can. [*2 pages.*]

Sept. 4.
2 P.M.,
Covent Garden.

95. J. Barker to Williamson. Has escaped from the Temple with little more than the skin of his teeth to Lord Lyonberg, the Swedish resident's, whither a great part of his books are to be brought, till he can get a cart to proceed. At the Temple, neither boat, barge, cart, nor coach is to be had, all the streets full of goods, and the fire flaming into the very Temple. Lord Lyonberg wants a warrant from Lord [Arlington] to press four waggons to carry his goods, for at this distance, he is desirous to remove; asks one for himself also; will attend as soon as he has lodged his little concerns; asks the address of the post office, that by Stocks being destroyed by this unparalleled fire.

Sept. 5.

The King to Griffith Bodurda. A very great number of distressed persons from London have taken refuge, with the goods which they have with difficulty saved from the fire, in the houses and fields about Islington; but there being no deputy lieu-

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tenants and justices of peace in that parish, they are in danger of being deprived of what they have. Requests that strict watch may be kept in all the ways within the limits of the said town and parish, and charitable and Christian reception, lodging, and entertainment given to the said strangers; commands all inhabitants to obey orders for keeping watch and ward. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 125.*]

Sept. 5. 96. Draft of the above, addressed to the justices of peace of Middlesex, and other civil and military officers, especially constables.

Sept. 5. Proclamation ordering that for supply of the distressed people left
Whitehall. destitute by the late dreadful and dismal fire, the King has ordered great proportions of bread to be brought daily, not only to the former markets, but to those lately ordained; that all churches, chapels, schools, and public buildings are to be open to receive the goods of those who know not how to dispose of them; and that other towns receive the said distressed persons, and permit them to exercise their trades, on promise that they shall afterwards be no burthen to them. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 228.*]

Sept. 5. 97. Duplicate of the above.

Sept. 5. Copy of the above as reprinted at York. [*Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 228a.*]

Sept. 5. 98. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The town affords no news,
Norwich. except that of the sad fire in London..

Sept. 5. 99. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. A Hamburg vessel laden
Falmouth. with salt reports that 14 days ago, the French fleet of 40 great and some small ships, all victualled and manned, was at Rochelle, and intended to sail in two days, and join the Dutch in the Channel. Two great vessels have been seen, believed to be enemies, or they would have come into harbour, the wind being high.

Sept. 5. 100. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same purport as the
Falmouth. above, and Holden's letter of Sept. 2. [*2 pages.*]

Sept. 5. 101. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The easterly winds are still
Pendennis. high and stormy; the ship from Gallipoli and Zante is likely to prove a prize; the three companies of soldiers bound for Scilly have been mustered, and many set on board a frigate at Penzance.

Sept. 5. 102. John Lysle to Williamson. The fleet at Spithead is 80
West Cowes. men-of-war besides scouts. The enemy, 75 sail, are in Boulogne Bay, and the strong north wind will keep them there. The disabled ships are fitting at Portsmouth. Beaufort's fleet is in bad condition, having the pest and flux on board. Supposes the sad fire in London was chiefly caused by fanatics and strangers. Complains of the French and Dutch strangers that resort to the [Isle of Wight], but is looked on as over officious. Guards should be kept at landing places, some trusty person employed to search for and take the names of lodgers in houses, and no stranger allowed to come into the island without good testimonials, for fear of a similar accident. There are some prizes there,

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and the men, pretended Flandrians, are ashore every night, and take notice of what passes. Thinks some are Hollanders, and should be kept on board, and not allowed to go about the island these dangerous times. The number of above 80,000 French, Dutch, and other strangers said to be in London may bring all to destruction. Writes in bitterness of spirit. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Sept. 5. 103. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The doleful news of the firing
Dover. of London makes the same thing feared there, as the Dutch fleet lies in sight, taking in men before Boulogne. No trained bands are up, nor likelihood of any, because of the contagion. Has desired the officers to put two trained bands in a posture of defence.

Sept. 5. 104. Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Williamson. Is on busi-
Dover Castle. ness with the Governor of Dover Castle, but will leave all and wait on the King if there be occasion. Is sorry to hear of the great fire. The Colchester frigate has been chased in by a Dutch man-of-war.

Sept. 5. 105. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Went to a private village near
Dover. to see Earl Schomberg, who is very lame, and has two women with him, and to enquire whether he had a pass, as he came in a vessel from London bound for Flanders, but Capt. Carlisle says there is an embargo.

Sept. 5. 106. John Pocock to Williamson. The St. Jacob, a fire-ship,
Weymouth. arriving from the White squadron, reports that on the 31st, the Blue squadron began the fight off the North Foreland, and continued it two hours, when the enemy fled to Boulogne Bay, where, on September 1st, Sir Rob. Holmes engaged them and forced them out, and on the 2nd, at 5 a.m., when the fire-ship left, being disabled, the Dutch were standing west, and the English fleet pursuing. Several other English ships are disabled, and have got into Portsmouth.

Sept. 5. 107. Thos. Corie to Williamson. There is an abatement in the
Norwich. plague as to number, but it disperses into fresh houses, which increases expense. Fears the dreadful fire in London will obstruct the relief expected thence. Part of the militia are marched to the coast, and two or three troops of horse quartered near the post towns. The poor are in better order, but it is money keeps them so, and when that fails, they will be unruly. Will give an account of Clayton when he comes to town.

Sept. 6. 108. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Keeper of the Gate-
Whitehall. house to take into custody Martha Rigfield and Laurence Letten for seditious practices, and to set at liberty Jas. Rigfield and Fras. Sandwich.

Sept. 6. 109. Bond of Samuel Elam, of St. Margaret's parish, Westminster,
and two others, in 20*l*. for his appearance before a Secretary of State or minister appointed, when required.

Sept. 6. 110. Hugh Acland to Williamson. An express last night ordered
Truro. the captains of the Eagle and Guernsey immediately to Falmouth, and they have sailed.

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- Sept. 6. 111. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Is busy sending recovered
Aldborough. men to the fleet. Sir Wm. Doyley and Serjeant Knight are both
with him.
- Sept. 6. 112. John Bower to James Hicke. Is sorry for the news of the
Bridlington. Hamburg ships.
- Sept. 6. 113. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The ships which alarmed the
Whitby. bailiffs of Scarborough proved Swedes, and some light English
colliers. A dogger of the port, laden with coals and butter, was
taken by a French sloop near Ostend road. Sends some verses
made by a neighbour on the Fan-fan.
- Sept. 6. 114. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The governor of Dover Castle
Walmer. sent his groom and two horses for the young German Earl [Schom-
berg], who has gone to the castle. It is reported that the fleet
overslipped the Dutch by wilful mistakes, and are gone first to en-
counter the French at Rochelle, and then meet the Dutch at home.
Their hearts bleed for poor London. "The generation of fanatic
vipers will report it God's revenge for Englishmen's valour at Vlie."
- Sept. 6. 115. ——— [*Name torn off*] to Sir John Duncombe. Reports a
Tunbridge. great negligence in reference to the King's packet. Last Wednesday it
was sealed up in a bag at Tunbridge by Mr. Cadman, and sent to
Mr. Needless, postmaster, at Stonecrouch, who negligently sent it
by a gentleman to Fuller's at Cheapstead; the gentleman, over-
taking a carrier, gave the packet to him, and he hearing of the fire
in London, only went as far as Sevenoaks, and brought the letters
back to Tunbridge. Hearing of this accidentally, dispatched a mes-
senger with the packet to Mr. Fuller's, at Chepstead, ordering him
to post it away as he would answer for the contrary; the bag which
Mr. Cadman had sealed was found open; several letters were
directed for the King's special service, some for Sir Wm. Morice,
Lord Arlington, the Master of Ordnance, &c., which made the
neglect more horrible.
- Sept. 6. 116. Col. Anth. Buller to Williamson. Wants three months'
Scilly. pay, without which they cannot subsist, being only paid to the
2nd of next month. Out of this pay, will satisfy for the unpaid
commissions. Begs him to solicit their affairs.
- Sept. 6. 117. Thos. Lord Fanshaw to Williamson. Wished to have given
Ware Park. to Lord Arlington an account of what he has done in raising and
disposing the militia, but most of the gentlemen being of another
opinion, directs his letters to the Lords of the Council. Asks his
opinion what to do in future.
- Sept. 6. 118. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The fleet is fitting with all
Portsmouth. possible speed, and will soon be ready to sail. The Dutch are still in
Boulogne Road; Sir Thos. Clarges has come, and gone on board the
General, who is hourly expected on shore to attend the King.

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119. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and also the following:—

Berwick: Capt. Bennet, commander of a privateer, lost 14 men in encountering a Dutch East India vessel, which he is reported to have taken.

Pendennis, Sept. 3: De Beaufort is at Rochelle, with 17 men-of-war of 60 guns, the admiral ship having 80 brass guns and 8 fire-ships. [2 pages.]

Sept. 6.
Southwold.

120. J. Knight to Williamson. Sir Wm. Doyley has personally visited every sick and hurt person on shore in those quarters, so that 400 are cleared off, and none will now be a burden longer than needs be, through orders issued by him, which the several agents are to execute exactly; he is indefatigable in his service, and not a penny is spent that could be saved. Having given instructions to the surgeons, is now at liberty to attend the fleet, when it arrives. Is infinitely afflicted for the calamity of London. Hopes "good news from sea; a seasonable and good bang to the foe will in some measure gratify this loss." *Encloses,*

120. i. *Order by Sir Wm. Doyley, [commissioner for the sick and wounded], that the several agents at Ipswich, Harwich, Southwold, and Yarmouth shall twice a month assemble, and call over the names of the persons under their care; that every sick seaman and soldier able to walk to the appointed place, who is absent after due summons, shall be put out of quarter, and not allowed to continue at the King's charge. The surgeons are then to be present, to report to the agents what men are fit to be returned to the ships, so that none may continue in quarter longer than needful.* Southwold, Sept. 4.

Sept. 6.

121. "London's lamentation on its destruction by a consuming fire," being an abstract of several letters to citizens of York, dated the 3d, 4th, and 6th of Sept., describing the progress of the fire, its breaking out, Sept. 1st, in a French baker's house, Pudding Lane; its progress each day, naming the French, Dutch, and Walloons as the actors. Frenchmen have been taken up with fireballs, and 10 baskets of fireballs and grenadoes taken in their custody. Leadenhall Street, Aldgate, and Bishopsgate have escaped; 4*l.* a load to a carter, and 10*s.* a day to a porter are thought small wages. [*Printed sheet.*]

Sept. 6.

122. List of five post stations appointed during the fire of London, with the names of three gentlemen required to attend at each of the same, filled in [by Lord Arlington], and of three more posts, with two gentlemen assigned to each. [*1½ pages.*]

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123. Report by the Earl of Oxford, on going the round of these several posts, as to the presence or absence of the persons appointed to attend them: out of the eight posts, the constables of St. Giles-in-the-Fields were alone at their duty, but one or more gentlemen were at each post except Cripplegate and Surgeons' Hall. The

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places where the fire had been were well watched by sentinels. Major Wheeler's company was very vigilant and constantly moving between Holborn Bridge and Smithfield. [2 pages.]

Sept. 6.

124. List of 28 seamen sent by the King to Lord Ashley Cooper, Lord Harrison, Lord Craven, and other justices of peace for Middlesex, sitting in Ely House. With note from Lord Chamberlain Manchester and the Earl of Craven that they have done good service in stopping the fire ever since Sunday.

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125. Similar list of 40 seamen, who were sent to the Temple.

Sept. 6.
Whitehall.

Proclamation ordering that as the markets are burned down, markets be held at Bishopsgate Street, Tower Hill, Smithfield, and Leadenhall Street, which shall be well protected, and ordering the magistrates in counties whence provisions are sent to London to forward supplies; also forbidding men to disquiet themselves with rumours of tumults, but attend to the business of quenching the fire, troops being provided to keep the peace; also ordering Gresham College, Bishopsgate Street, to be used instead of the Royal Exchange, which is burnt. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 229.*]

Sept. 6.
Whitehall.

126. Lord Arlington to the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. He was warned on the 4th to draw the militia troops together for service of the city; the raging fire is now abated, but all hands being wearied with working, 200 foot soldiers are to be marched thither with food for 48 hours, and carts laden with pickaxes, and ropes, buckets, &c., to prevent the further spreading of the fire; they are to rendezvous at Kingsland, near Bishopsgate, and the justices of peace and deputy lieutenants are to be assembled, to quicken them in the execution of orders, and also to forward the bringing in of provisions, especially bread and cheese, into the city, lest the want thereof add to the calamity.

Sept. 7.

127. Draft of the above, with note of its being sent also to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent for Southwark, of Middlesex for the Temple, and of Surrey for Lambeth.

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The King to the Lord General, Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex. Enjoined him on the 4th instant to draw together the militia of the county, in case of accident arising from the fire, and ordered 200 soldiers to assist in extinguishing the fire; but as it is now over, the troops may retire, with thanks for their ready concurrence. Requests him still to furnish the city with the tools formerly specified, and such quantities of food as he can. With note of similar letters to Lord Mordaunt, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Lord Fanshaw, of Hertfordshire, and the Lord Treasurer, of Kent. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 202.*]

[Sept. 7.]

128. Draft of the above.

Sept. 7.
Hague.

129. Rob. Yard to Williamson. Has been 14 days at his French. Hopes in that and all other things to answer his expectations. Studies to please his master.

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Sept. 7. 130. Capt. George Cock to [Williamson]. Arguments to prove that want promotes trade more than plenty, as it forces to labour, and therefore that contributions required from a city make it richer; showing the prosperity of Holland from trade, although its taxes are so heavy. Did not send his paper earlier because of the fire; the repairing the city from ruin must be done by trade. Heard a gentleman ask 100*l.* for what he would have taken 50*l.* eight days ago, because he is almost master of the commodity. Keeping the dominion of the sea will secure the commerce, and that will rebuild the city. Hopes the King, after many years, may say of London as Augustus did of Rome, that he found it built of earth, but left it of marble. [3 pages.]
- Sept. 7.
Margate. 131. Jo. Smith to Williamson. It blows so hard that a small boat could do no good to discover the Dutch fleet; it is said to be at anchor in Boulogne Bay.
- Sept. 7.
Portsmouth. 132. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Lord General left there yesterday, intending to lie that night at Ashton, and to-day with the King. He was much troubled to leave the fleet, as were his officers to part with him; 60 men have been sent from the garrison to expedite the fleet, which will be ready in three or four days. The land officers are commanded to their charges, and are hastening up.
- Sept. 7.
Farnham
Castle. 133. Wm. [Fuller, Bishop of] Limerick, to John Barker at Lord Arlington's. Begs the posting of a packet sent to Mr. Williamson. Asks where the post office is settled, and whether Mr. Hickes continues in office.
- Sept. 7. 134. C. Sanderson to Williamson. Encloses [the intelligencer's] receipts of all the money paid him; dares not let him direct a letter to the writer, for fear of discovery.
- Sept. 7.
Plymouth. 135. John Clarke to Williamson. Arrival of vessels. The Guernsey and Eagle are to convoy some victuallers to the fleet.
- Sept. 7. 136. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- Sept. 7.
Yarmouth. 137. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A French seaman is before the bailiffs for saying, when told of the fire at London, that it were good news if Yarmouth were on fire. He spoke those words in plain English, but on his examination, will not own that he can speak a word of English. Most judge the city to have been wilfully set on fire by the French and Dutch who lurk about it.
- Sept. 7.
Newcastle. 138. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have come in 15 or 16 light colliers, and a great Scotch prize, laden with coffee, bought by Alderman Blacket of Newcastle, who has another Scotch prize coming laden with timber.
- Sept. 7.
Lynn. 139. E. B[odham] to Williamson. All are in distress for the fire in London. Several other towns have been falsely reported to be on fire. Lord Mandeville's troop has been gone five days; strong

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guard is kept on the town, and inquiry made to secure all Dutch and French. Hears that the fleet has engaged the Dutch, but nothing of the issue.

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Chichester,
Sussex.

140. Jacob Huisman to Williamson. Hastened out of town, because, in the dismal time of fire, foreigners were ill accepted, but is ready to be disposed at the King's pleasure. Was born at Antwerp, is a subject of the King of Spain, and innocent towards His Majesty. Begg therefore from Lord Arlington a paper for security or direction.

Sept. 7.
Pembroke.

141. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Has been prevented by other business from looking after a convenient postmaster. Thinks the Hollanders have brought together their whole force, as ships from the south coast and Ireland meet none of them at sea.

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142. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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143. Sir Christopher Gyse to Williamson. Has received no letter from him since August, when he removed to his own house at Brockworth, near Gloucester. Hears that the King is resolved to destroy the deer in the Forest of Dean. Begg some breeding deer for a manor and park fallen into his hands, in which the tenant for life destroyed the deer.

Sept. 7.
Plymouth.

144. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Provisions are being shipped away as fast as possible. Asks whether the brewing is to be continued. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 7.
Plymouth.

145. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships in port. The Eagle and Guernsey have arrived from Portugal, and saw no ships but our own Guinea fleet. The victualler there has stopped the petty warrants since Mr. Gauden's visit, until further orders, which will be an inconvenience to ships. No news of the French fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

146. Thos. Waltham to Thos. Hayter. Has received the tickets and instructions for pursers. Particulars of ships in port. Wants his salary and incident charges. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Chatham.

147. Capt. Thos. Lock to Sam. Pepys. His business being over, asks in what way he can be further serviceable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 8.
Edinburgh.

148. Rob. Meine to Williamson. The King's restoration has brought back amongst other good things the old custom of "weapon showing," the observance of which provides the city with arms, and inures the youth to the exercise of arms; 28 companies assembled in Greyfriar Yard, attending the magistrates to the west port, doing obeisance with their banners to the castle, which saluted them, and marched thence to Holyrood House, with great gallantry, and much approved. In the abbey close, they saluted the Lord Commissioner and other nobles with well discharged volleys of shot. The trades' youths claimed the van in returning, and in the confusion, one of

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them was accidentally killed, which might have bred great animosity between the two companies, but the matter was timely composed by the magistrates. They all marched to the cross, and then the merchant youths attended the Lord Provost to his lodging.

Sept. 8.
Lichfield.

149. Shar. Talbot to Williamson. All are in such ignorance on account of this fatal fire in London, the letters not coming, that he sends up his groom, and begs to know what news there is from the fleet, a great victory being talked of; also whether and when the term will be kept, as London will not be able to receive the company.

Sept. 8.
York.

150. "A true relation of that sad and deplorable fire that happened and broke out in London the 2nd of September 1666, as it came from Whitehall the 8th of the same month, and there published by authority." Details of the progress of the fire which broke out on September 2nd, Sunday. On Thursday it was extinguished, but in the evening it burst out again at the Temple, but the Duke of York, watching in person all night, mastered it. Divers Dutch and French were taken up, and severely examined by Lord Chief Justice Kelynge and others, but the manner of the burning, all in a train as it was blown forwards, shows it to be the heavy hand of God. The King sat hourly in council, and sent for the Duke of Albemarle to come to complete the deliverance. The seasonable orders to pull down houses to secure the powder magazines stayed the fire at the very gates of the Tower, so that no naval stores were destroyed; it first happened not in the richest part of the town, and the other parts took the alarm and saved most of their goods of value. The King, fearing want of bread, ordered the navy victualler to send sea biscuits into Moorfields, but the markets were so well supplied that people declined them. Instead of any appearance of design or disaffection, there was never a murmuring word, but many prayers for the King; he and the Duke of York frequently exposed their persons with few attendants, sometimes even intermixing with those who laboured in the business. [*Printed sheet. Printed in the London Gazette of Sept. 10, 1666.*]

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151. Draft [by Williamson] of the above, apologizing for the stoppage of the Gazette through the fire. [4 pages.]

Sept. 8.
Naworth.

152. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. There is great fear in those parts, the post not coming as usual, and there being a rumour of a great fire in London. Will set forward thither on Friday, unless ordered to remain. Having just heard that the city was set on fire by Anabaptists and other disaffected persons, has ordered the trained bands to meet, and continue in convenient places for the safety of the country.

Sept. 8.
Boston.

153. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Is sorry for the great loss by fire. Has no news.

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Chester Castle.

154. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. All are in amazement at the heavy judgment fallen on London, which is concluded to be a total devastation and destruction of the metropolis.

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Sept. 8. 155. John Lysle to Williamson. All are anxious for certain
West Cowes. intelligence of the fire. The fleet is still at St. Helen's, Spithead, and Portsmouth, working day and night at repairs. The Dutch are also shattered. Since the fire at London, both seamen and landmen are rampant and outrageous for revenge upon the enemy. A warrant should be sent to compel expresses, if needful, or no boatmen or postmasters will send letters but by the ordinary post.

Sept. 8. 156. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Sir Rob. Brook's company of
Aldborough. foot have come to guard the place, and 30 horse of Lord Cleveland's troop quarter in the town, and keep riding guard in the night. Serjeant Knight will be at London on Wednesday.

Sept. 8. 157. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Though the post has not
Hull. come, the doleful tidings of the firing of London by the implacable enemies has arrived. The governor has had strong guard set, both by soldiers and townsmen, on the town and the ships in the harbour, causing the masters and their companies to lie aboard. He has secured suspected persons, and will turn them out of town, and has committed to close custody all the Dutch prisoners that were out on bail. He is very diligent in his duty, and there are many disaffected people in the town and the country about.

Sept. 8. 158. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Capt. Dorell's and
Languard Point Fort. Capt. Lowe's companies are sent into the fort. The Portland has sailed for the fleet; two frigates and three fire-ships remain in harbour.

Sept. 8. 159. List of 37 ships cleared [in the port of Newcastle], from the
3rd to 8th September, 1666.

Sept. 8. 160. Rich. Forster to Williamson. All honest men's heads and
Newcastle. hearts are full of fear why the last letters have not come. Some ships have come in from Iceland full of fish, and one of them reports that a Scotch privateer took a rich ship belonging to the Hollanders, but was obliged to sink it, being pursued by a Holland man-of-war.

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Sept. 9. 1. "Advices received," being notes from papers calendared above.

Sept. 9. 2. M. Scott to Williamson. The post not coming in, there are
4 P.M., fears lest the fire, which a gentleman who arrived on Thursday
Berwick. reported that he saw in London, has done great destruction. Some soldiers on guard state that they saw "the likeness of abundance of ships in the air, which is taken to be but their strong imaginations."

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Scarborough
Castle.

3. Pe. Hawkins to Williamson. The governor, bailiffs, and common council met to consider how to secure the town in case of the Dutch landing, and ordered 150 volunteers raising, under Capt. Fras. Thompson: this is done, and they with the trained bands will fortify the place. Three men-of-war, supposed to be privateers, made several shots against Burlington, fired a ship on shore in Filey Bay, and are now sailing northwards. The governor is going to rendezvous his regiment at Malton. With postscript by Sir J. Crosland, governor, enquiring whether he shall come up to Parliament as he intended, the news of the fire having put all into doubt.

Sept. 9.
Royal Charles.

4. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. The messenger who arrived on Wednesday with an express from court is a careless fellow, and instead of leaving on Thursday, was at Portsmouth on Friday, and not ready to be gone. Gave him 30s., as he pretended to have lost his money.

Sept. 9.
Plymouth.

5. John Clarke to Williamson. The Constant Warwick and Victory have brought in eight merchantmen from Lisbon and two from Scanderoon, with four prizes,—three Greenlanders, and one Dane. "Our hearts are almost broken with the sad disaster that has befallen the once famous city of London."

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6. John Clarke to James Hicke. To the same effect.

Sept. 9.
Plymouth.

7. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Constant Warwick and Victory have brought in three French ships from Greenland, laden with whale oil, and one Dane laden with brandy; also five merchantmen from Lisbon, and two from Scanderoon, laden with galls and silks.

Sept. 9.
Plymouth.

8. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The loss of London by fire is much felt there. Arrival of vessels in port. The [Prize] Comrs. have sent two prizes laden with wine and brandy, and three ships with other provisions for the fleet.

Sept. 9.
Whitehall.

9. The King to the Justices of Peace within the lines of communication, and to the Aldermen of the respective Wards adjoining. Notwithstanding the care to remove whatever might foment the late fire, there are still sparks of faggots, bavins, and other combustible materials remaining in some parts; they are to search in their several quarters for these, to order the owners to remove them to remote parts within 48 hours, and in case of refusal, to remove them themselves, taking care, meanwhile, that the parishes in which such goods remain keep a sufficient watch over them.

Sept. 9.
Eton.

10. W. Lord Maynard to Williamson. Having not even a gazette, people's spirits grow depressed with stories of persons ruined. Knows not yet whether the fire was by treachery or chance; some affirm that eight or nine men were taken about Marybone, who had made great quantities of fireworks; a servant of

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his saw one firework that was tried, and it burned though put into a tub of water; he said that a Papist knight was taken who had fired a house in Holborn where he lay. There are thousands of such reports, and people know not what to believe. Hears that the fleet has come in, having beaten the Dutch, and taken several ships. Offers him venison, if he will give directions where it is to be sent.

Sept. 9.
Hurley,
Berkshire.

11. Examination of Edw. Taylor, son of Jo. Taylor, York Street, Covent Garden, aged 10 years, before John Lord Lovelace. Was with his father and uncle Jo. Taylor, a Dutchman, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when they threw two fireballs in at an open window in Pudding Lane, and the same at Thomas Street, Fleet Street, and the Old Exchange, and did the same for two or three days and nights afterwards. Some Frenchmen, Dutchmen, women, and boys went about the city with fireballs. His uncle gave his father 7*l*. to undertake this firing. Went with his father and mother and fired a great house at Acton, others were with them, whose names he knows not, but he would know them, if he saw them. His mother is called Mary Swan, and wears a black silk suit and black hood. His father wears a black suit and cloak. The examinat lived with Mr. Whiting, apothecary in Walbrook, two years, but left him three weeks ago, and stayed with his father till he was taken. [*Copy, 2 pages.*]

Sept. 9.
Coventry.

12. Ralph Hope to Williamson. Describes the general sympathy and grief for the fire in London. Many poor Coventry clothiers are undone by it, their whole estate lying there in cloth. There are many false reports of the firing of places, discovery of plots, fireballs, &c. At Leicester, several are seized on eminent suspicion, and at Bicknell, near Lutterworth, some who were searched had several fireballs on them as large as tennis balls. The trained bands are severely strict in watching, and every housekeeper, of what degree soever, goes personally on duty. A strange robbery has been committed, many sheep having been killed in the field, and only their tallow taken away; this was thought to be intended for making of fireballs, and one malefactor was apprehended, who said he did it through poverty, and sold the tallow. Yesterday the mayor and Sir Thos. Norton, a deputy lieutenant, left church, on notice of a conventicle being discovered; they intend to proceed against the persons with much severity.

Sept. 9.

Warrant to the Lord General to order the pulling down two houses built between St. James's and the Mulberry Garden. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 127.*]

Sept. 9.

Lord Arlington to Capt. Strode, lieutenant-governor of Dover. The prohibition for any vessel to leave the Cinque Ports, given a few days ago, is to be taken off as soon as the Dutch fleet has passed eastwards, so as to be no longer in sight of the coasts. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 127.*]

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Sept. 9. Plymouth. 13. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Constant Warwick and Victory have arrived, with four prizes and six sail of Londoners from Lisbon. Particulars of other ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. Plymouth. 14. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Pearl lies ready laden, waiting for convoy to Portsmouth. A good supply of train oil may now be had from two of the prizes brought in by the Constant Warwick and Victory. Note of the loadings of the four prize ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. Portsmouth Dockyard. 15. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Presumes that the sad destruction in the city is the reason why no letters have arrived by the last two posts. Can do nothing at present about the provisions for Plymouth; the stores are exhausted in supplying the fleet. The captains confess that had they engaged the enemy, they could not have been more ruined; all the boats are gone and 40 more wanted; has given up his own to the Prince, "much good may she do him." Knows not how to pay the carpenters and labourers. Had 60 soldiers from the town to work, but finding them troublesome, paid and discharged them. Begg a supply of money. The Slothany and Norwich must be left in port as unserviceable. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
- Sept. 10. Bristol. 16. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has supplied himself in Worcestershire, Shropshire, and Herefordshire, with suitable provisions for the building of the new ship; begs that money may be ordered to pay for them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10. Bristol. 17. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Was obliged to leave London during the late calamity; begs that his warrant and contract may be sent after him by post. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10. The Dartmouth, King Road, Bristol. 18. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived from Ireland, conveying the Old Dross of Amsterdam, prize, and several other vessels. Begg instructions to Sir John Knight to supply the boatswain's stores, and new cables and rigging; also an order to Mr. Gauden to furnish needful provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10. The Dartmouth, King Road, Bristol. 19. Capt. Rich. Rooth to Sir Wm. Coventry. Is arrived from Ireland with the Old Dross prize, and several other vessels in convoy; Sir John Knight is willing to supply cables and boatswain's stores, if an order be directed to him for the purpose. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10. The King to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and other Magistrates of London. Requests them to assist in any way they may be required Wenceslaus Hollar and Francis Sandford, whom he has appointed to take an exact plan and survey of the city, as it now stands after the calamity of the late fire. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 128.*]

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[Sept. 10.] 20. Lord Arlington to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Copy of the preceding letter, *mutatis mutandis*.
- Sept. 10. The King to Dr. Jonathan Goddard. The residence of Alderman Backwell being burnt out by the late calamitous fire in the city of London, and the carrying on of his business being of great public importance, the doctor is to give up to him such rooms as are in his possession in Gresham College. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 228.*]
- Sept. 10. 21, 22. Note of the addresses of Roger Tows, of Stokelane, Somerset, practiser of physic, Hen. Shephard and John Lucas, cordwinders of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Marked from Capt. Benet 10 Sept. 1666. With note of the two latter names, endorsed "31 Aug. 1666, security offered for Toos." Two papers.
- Sept. 10. 23. ——— to Sir Roger Langley. Omitted to answer him earlier, being distracted by the lamentable tidings; prays that the designers of so unparalleled a cruelty may be discovered, that they may have their just deserts. Has enquired with prudence and secrecy, but cannot gain the least notice that [Dr. Richardson] is come into those parts of Yorkshire; thinks the information of his being in England is not true, but will give notice should he hear of him. With postscript [from Sir Roger Langley to Lord Arlington] that this news is from one in their secrets, who was to give an account of Dr. R[ichardson].
- Sept. 10.
Grantham. 24. Rich. Leeming to Sir Philip Frowde. Fears giving offence in taking moneys for all letters for London, but thought it necessary, as many thousands to whom letters may be directed are disinhabited. Encloses a letter from William Talby, harness maker, St. Martin's Lane, and also some printed papers, eight quires of which were sent to John Pechell, a quaker, to distribute; they are full of sedition; the motto on the seal is, "The man of sin shall fall, and Christ shall reign over all."
- Sept. 10.
Swansea. 25. John Man to James Hickes. The non-arrival of letters last week puts all in great fear of the consequences of a sad fire reported to be broken out in London.
- Sept. 10.
Swansea. 26. John Man to Williamson. Expects news, because of some sad bruit of a fire in London; hopes it may not prove as reported.
- Sept. 10.
Pembroke. 27. Fras. Malory to Williamson. None in these parts received any letters this week, which puts them in a quandary, but by accident they have heard of a great treason of the French in burning 16 parishes. The Dartmouth has gone for Bristol.
- Sept. 10.
West Cowes. 28. John Knight to Williamson. The Paradox has brought in a French prize, and a small vessel laden with dowlas, &c., has arrived from Morlaix, but pretends that the goods belong to Mr. Cole, merchant of London, and that he has the Duke of York's pass. All the French wine prizes are dispatched to the fleet at Spithead.

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Sept. 10. York. 29. J. Mascall to Williamson. All are sad for the lamentable disaster in London, but are vigilant to prevent insurrection or invasion; the trained bands are on duty, and Lord Fauconberg has caused those in his lieutenancy to be in a fit posture of defence.
- Sept. 10. Yarmouth. 30. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Dutch capers are so bold that a fisher boat cannot put to sea, and the season for fishing, the only trade that supports the town, will be lost, unless some care is taken for convoys; two or three ketches would be sufficient. There is a prize laden with salt, an article which is much wanted in the fishing season, but afterwards will fall in price, and therefore it should be sold now. Two men in the town are offering salt at such a rate that the townsmen are incensed, and will give His Majesty any price rather than buy of them.
- Sept. 10. Walmer. 31. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Yesterday at 6 or 7 a.m. the Dutch fleet sailed for the Holland coast. Wrote this news yesterday, but John Slodden, of Walmer, to whom the letter was sent at Mr. Carlisle's order, and who owns half the parish, did not forward it. Such fellows will hinder His Majesty's knowledge of things rather than charge themselves a shilling. De Witt's son is reported to have murdered Van Tromp in a cowardly quarrel.
- Sept. 10. Norwich. 32. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. On the news of the sad fire in London, the mayor ordered the bellman to cry about the city, to give innkeepers notice not to lodge strangers till he had examined them, nor to allow them to go out of the city without his order; also for inhabitants not to lodge strangers without knowing whence they come. The county militia are ordered to be in readiness. Cannot credit the news that the Dutch are totally routed.
- Sept. 10. 3 P. M., Aldborough. 33. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Lieut. John Ashby of the Adventure reports that at Harwich, on Sunday at 4 p.m., the Holland fleet of 86 sail was seen at anchor five leagues off the North Foreland, and it had five admirals, five vice-admirals, and five rear-admirals.
- Sept. 10. Pendennis. 34. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. All are in distraction about the fire, and think there is more villainy than chance in it. Particulars of ships in the offing; on Sunday several guns were heard off Mount's Bay; three Frenchmen, some of those who stole a boat from St. Mawes last week, have been taken in the country by the bailiffs, and are sent to the adjacent vice-admiral to be secured. Capt. Lucy's privateer has sailed for Jersey; he says he belongs to the Duke of Richmond.
- Sept. 10. Dover Castle. 35. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Will take off the embargo as ordered, for yesterday, 2 p.m., the Dutch fleet went out of sight and stood towards the Weilings, wind S. W., blowing hard; the English fleet appears not, except two or three frigates, which have

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passed towards the Downs. Will send the packet to Sir Thos. Clifford by the first vessel. Is glad to hear the citizens take their loss so patiently; hopes yet to see London the most glorious city in the world.

Sept. 10. 36. H. Brouncker to Williamson. Desires him to move Lord Arlington to order the release of Capt. MacGill from the new prison, Clerkenwell; being a Frenchman, Lord Arlington thought it better for him to lie there three or four days.

Sept. 10. 37. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Lord Lieut. Townshend has
Lynn. been there, and very active in sending fanatics to prison and settling the militia; the town has its own two trained bands, also Sir Ralph Haire's foot company, and Sir Wm. Howell's troop of horse. There has been much distress for the sad calamity in London. The Little Lion is convoying vessels with naval stores and others to London.

Sept. 10. 38. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. The post not coming in
Falmouth. causes many discourses; begs an account of the fire in London. A stop is put to all Hamburgers in the harbour. With postscript that the post due on Saturday has only just come in, but it brings no letters from London.

Sept. 10. 39. John Bower to James Hicke. Not having heard from him
Bridlington. since 28 August, fears the bad news of the terrible fire in London is true; good news is reported from the fleet; three Holland capers chased two vessels into Bridlington Bay, but durst not fetch them off with a boat; they fired several shots into the town, and were as well answered from the forts; the country came very well to assist. The capers fired a small bark of the town, which they fired about Flamborough. Three men-of-war ran two Scarborough ships ashore on Holderness coast.

Sept. 10. 40. Lord Herbert to Williamson. Has received nothing these
Llyssyn. four last posts; enquires whether the city was fired accidentally, or by natives or foreigners; how much is burned; how commodities are to be exchanged; how the fleet has succeeded, and whether Parliament will sit at Westminster and at the time fixed; fears there will be no room for them, as that end of the town will be filled by those destitute of dwellings.

Sept. 10. 41. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Never saw so many sad faces
Whitby. as in that poor town, which has great trade with London, whence it derived its rise and life. Attack of the Dutch capers on Bridlington; they came close to Whitby harbour, and put out English colours, but seeing many crowd to the cliffs, edged off. It is reported that four more are of the squadron. The trained bands are in arms, waiting orders from Lord Lieut. Fauconberg.

[Sept. 10.] 42. Warrant [by Lord Arlington] for apprehension of Thos. Gadesby, wheelwright of Islington, for using opprobrious words to those

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gentlemen who, in the late exigency, were appointed by special warrant, for want of magistrates, to keep watch and ward to keep the peace, and induce the inhabitants to give what Christian relief and reception they could to those who took present refuge there.

Sept. 10. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 229.*]

Sept. 11. 43. G. Bodurda to Williamson. Could justify his complaint
Islington. against Gaddesby, but considering his poverty and submission, and the importunacy of his neighbours, begs his discharge; though taken into custody but yesterday, he has had as much pecuniary punishment as his condition will bear, and this having made him an example, will produce a compassionate disposition towards the distressed people who yet remain in the neighbourhood.

Sept. 11. 44. Ja. Reade to Williamson. The Prince is industrious in
Royal Charles. ordering all things for the fitting of the fleet, and going himself to the docks and other places to see his orders executed. The blowing weather has hindered some ships in harbour from coming out; as soon as it permits, hopes to be at sea. The last intelligence from the enemy was that they were in Boulogne road.

Sept. 11. 45. Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Williamson. The wind is
Dover Castle. due south; all are troubled at hearing nothing of the fleet. The Monmouth, having on board Col. Streyton, Sir Peter Wyche, and the parcel for Sir Thos. Clifford, has sailed for the fleet. Encloses a packet of great concern for Col. Atkins. Is going to Cobham; his letters must be left at Rochester.

Sept. 11. 46. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Has had Capt. Baynes prisoner
Rushton. in his house 10 days, and sent accounts of him by three posts, but received no reply. Asks leave to release him, on security for his appearance and good behaviour. Wonders there is no order to put the militia in a posture of defence, when danger is apprehended by the plots of French and Dutch.

Sept. 11. 47. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No posts have come from
Harwich. London since the fire. Earnestly begs the Gazettes. Some companies of Essex foot, Major Legg's company, and a troop of militia horse guard the town. Wishes there were arms and formal officers for the 300 labourers in the yard, who are quite without arms.

Sept. 11. 48. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. Thanks for the tidings
2 A.M.,
Southwold. about the fire. Before it came, there were so many reports that no one knew what to believe. Sir Rob. Brook's foot and Major Marsh's horse are at Southwold, and horse and foot guard the coast all along. Sir Wm. Doyley and Serjeant Knight have taken much pains with the sick and wounded, and many are recovered. Has sent away 500 or 600 men by tickets to their ships.

Sept. 11. 49. Willm. Waynflet to [Williamson]. Knowing by experience
Southwold. seven years ago, when Southwold was burned, the great want of many poor people for food, informs him that cheese is very low

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there, and if some letters were written to the knights and gentlemen thereabouts, they would load a small vessel and send it to London, to be distributed among the poor. Wishes not to be known as the mover therein. Suggests Sir John Rous, Sir Rob. Brook, Sir Rob. Kemp, Sir John Knevit, Rich. Coke, and John Bedingfield as fit persons to be written to.

Sept. 11.
Dover.

50. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The express is on board the Monmouth to go to the fleet, and the custom-house boat will go out when the fleet appears. The Dutch fleet of 126 sail is supposed to have gone home, and seems to have taken no Frenchmen in it. Had it been possible to fight them, they had been undone. Eight or nine ships ride in the Downs. It is reported that Beaufort is to convoy 400 sail of salt ships to Normandy.

Sept. 11.
Dover Castle.

51. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Has sent the packet for Sir Thos. Clifford in the Monmouth, and kept the servant to bring back the answer. The wind being S.W., the fleet is hourly expected in sight.

Sept. 11.
Newcastle.

52. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Having no perfect relation of how so famous a city should be consumed so suddenly, some say that the Dutch, French, and fanatics had a hand in it, and that divers were taken with balls of wild fire in their hands. Last night 14 Dutch prisoners escaped out of the castle, but they were discovered before all could get out; some friends helped them to instruments to break through the wall. The Quakers and other sectaries meet often, and in greater numbers than formerly, and little care is taken to hinder them.

Sept. 11.
Plymouth.

53. John Clarke to James Hickes. All are in good health, but every face covered with sadness.

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Plymouth.

54. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Two frigates from Rochelle report De Beaufort to have gone with 50 sail, small and large, to Belle Isle, to join the Dutch fleet. Col. Buller has arrived at Guernsey with 300 soldiers. The coast is clear of capers. Six frigates and seven provision ships wait a fair wind to carry them to the fleet.

Sept. 11.
Hull.

55. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Three small Holland men-of-war seemed threatening to land at Bridlington, but the place plied on them with all the large guns they had mounted, and all the small shot they could make, and the country coming down, horse and foot, very vigorously drove them off. They made several shots into the town; they drove on shore two ships that they could not take, and took and fired a third off Bridlington Head.

Sept. 11.
Barnstaple.

56. P. Manaton to Williamson. Wants to know by what faction the city was fired. The trained bands are keeping very strict guard, hearing that the plot was not only for London, but for the destruction of the principal cities and towns in England.

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Sept. 17. 57. John Maurice to James Hickes. Is much troubled with the
Minehead. great disaster to the glorious city ; it is an unspeakable loss to the
nation. Hopes God may bring good out of this great desolation.

Sept. 11. 58. Fras. Oldfield mayor, Edw. Underhill, and Thos. Kept,
Stratford-upon-Avon. of Stratford-upon-Avon, to Sir Hen. Puckering. Peter John,
apprehended at Bideford on suspicion, came thither from Evesham,
was unable to give a good account of himself, was brought to
Stratford, and when under guard, spoke words thought dangerous.
Send him for examination ; he is a resolute, peremptory fellow, but
nothing suspicious was found about him. *Enclose,*

58. I. *Deposition of Thos. Field and Ant. Mills, of Haseler, and
Rich. Kempston, of Binton, co. Warwick. Heard Peter
John say that the French and Dutch and two nations
more would be here before Christmas, and no pity if they
be ; on being threatened with hanging, he said if he
were hanged there would be enough besides to do the
work.* *Stratford, September 11, 1666.*

58. II. *Warrant by Sir Hen. Puckering and Thos. Temple to the
Keeper of the gaol for Warwickshire to receive into cus-
tody Peter John, accused by witnesses of dangerous and
seditious words. [Copy.]*

Sept. 11. 59. John Byam to [Williamson]. Thanks for a packet of weekly
Rome. advices of important affairs in England in June and July, for which
he understands that he is indebted to him.

Sept. 11. 60. Certificate by Henry Dunster, master of the Mayboat galliot,
that Thos. Carter, able seaman, served on the said galliot from
23 June to 11 Sept., 1666, when Comr. John Taylor dismissed him.
[*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *Certificate by Rich. Bond, master, of Carter's service on
the Maybolt hoy, 14 to 22 June 1666.*

Sept. 11. 61. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the damage
Rye. sustained by the St. Andrew and Happy Return, with the repairs
needed for each. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Sept. 12. 62. Inventory of the Flying Greyhound's masts, rigging, &c., taken
by John Stubbing, Sept. 3, 1666 ; with note by Thos. Partridge of
sails and rigging still wanting ; attested by Robt. Warner and John
Smith, Sept. 12, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 12. 63. List of masts and yards supplied to 45 ships of the fleet from
Portsmouth Sept. 3-12, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 12. Warrant for delivery of 30 tuns of Spanish and French wines,
custom free, for the use of the Swedish Ambassador's family, the
same to be defalcated from the customs. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 233.*]

Sept. 12. 64. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord [Arlington]. Sends two packets,
Whitehall. marked the way each is to be sent.

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Rotterdam.

65. Contents of a letter from [Scott] to Aphara Behn. Thinks the French will not come this year, though they have given notice that Beaufort has left Rochelle for the Channel. Bampfield lives at a high rate, feasting and caressing the States, and continues his addresses to Mdme. Somerdike. Vanderlynden, of Bruges, and Fan-nius, of Middleburg correspond with Bampfield. Thos. Woodman, a Parliament captain, is much with Doleman and De Witt, and undertakes to sink ships and block up the Thames; he is sent to the Dutch fleet with Sidrach Lester, a notorious rogue. Col. Sydney is in great esteem with De Witt and Benj. Turley, the quaker, but Sydney and Bampfield do not agree. The East India fleet is not expected home this year; the Dutch are in great disorder, and a little blow would bring them to confusion. Lewis Parent, a French prisoner in the Tower, was employed by the French King and is an enemy. [3 pages.]

Sept. 12.
Aldborough.

66. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Portland and Adventure have sailed southward, with a prize that pretends to be a Swede; 35 light colliers have sailed northwards.

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67. Petition of Rich. Pierce, cook and yeoman of the kitchen, to the King, for a letter to the master and wardens of the Cooks' Company, to allow him to set up his trade in Cooks' Hall, which is still left standing in the city, and of which he was master last year; lost 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*, all that he was worth, in the late fire, and has no other means of acquiring a livelihood for his large family.

Sept. 12.
Sunderland.

68. Benj. Francis to Williamson. Many capers have been cruising off the coast, most of them pitiful small things, and have taken three small colliers, and fired a fourth; 15 Dutch prisoners have broken prison at Newcastle; it is supposed they have over good friends in that town.

Sept. 12.
Sunderland.

69. Ben. Francis to James Hickes. The resentment of the sad calamity that has befallen London is inexpressible. Fears Hickes may have shared it. The capers on the coast have taken three colliers and fired one, which quenched herself, and got off safe, after they left her.

Sept. 12.
Yarmouth.

70. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Seventeen sail of victuallers arrived from Lynn and Boston for the fleet, and are taking with them other provision vessels from Yarmouth; 70 sick and wounded are recovered and sent back to their ships.

Sept. 12.
Walmer.

71. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Asks an order to any mayor or bailiff, &c., to take his letters with speed to the next post house, for if he lands from his boat with intelligence at Hythe, Rumney, or any other place where no post house is, the packet might be kept six hours, as was done by John Slodden, deputy at Walmer. Names of 12 ships in the Downs. A Spaniard has come in and sent intelligence to the court.

Sept. 12.
Whitehall.

72. Rules set forth by the King, concerning the precedence of the several regiments, companies, and troops in the service. As to the

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foot,—placing first the the regiment of Guards, then the general's, then the admiral's; all other regiments and colonels to take place according to the date of their commissions. As to the horse,—first the three troops of Guards, the captains to take rank as eldest colonels, &c.; then the King's regiment of horse, and all other colonels to take rank according to the date of their commissions. In any place which has no colonel, the eldest colonel is to command, then the lieutenant-colonel of the eldest regiment, and so on to the inferior officers. All except general officers are to obey the governors of any garrison in which they shall happen to be put. [*Copy. 2 pages.*]

Sept. 12. 73. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. There is much consternation about the fire in London. The neighbour counties in Wales, apprehending it to proceed from a design, have made strict surveys into the strength of the militia, and found themselves so ill-provided, that in some counties they had not a barrel of powder. Has supplied them with all that could be bought in the city, till they could be provided, but the garrison itself much needs supply.

Sept. 12. 74. Robt. Scrivener to James Hicke. There is a decrease of 20 in the mortality and 24 in the plague this week. All are glad that the citizens of London take their losses so patiently. The magistrates are very careful after strangers.

Sept. 12. 75. Thos. Corie to Williamson. Dares not mention their poor condition, when thinking of the desolation of the chief city; at Norwich they are in greater fear of the poor than the plague, all their money being gone, and not a penny yet come in from the country.

Sept. 12. 76. John Pocock to James Hicke. There is no news in those parts.

Sept. 12. 77. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. A vessel in the harbour, laden with lime for Jersey, took fire, and was sunk to prevent further hurt. A large and liberal collection is making in the town, for relief of those in want by the late sad fire in London. Fears some of his late letters have not come to hand, as they refused to carry any without money. Supposes it is too late in the season to want seamen; there are many there, some of whom have come home from the service, and there is no press as in other places.

Sept. 12. 78. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Fears he has had his share in the losses by the late fire, and offers service. A fleet of 30 great ships has passed eastward, far out at sea. The Milford has returned from carrying over three foot companies to Scilly.

Sept. 12. 79. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Laments the loss of the city of London, and the whole kingdom by the late fire. Hopes all will look on it as a judgment for sin. An order came to the vice-admiral to stop all Hamburgers in harbour, which was executed, and the sails of two laden with salt, wine, and brandy, taken down and secured. Also a transcript of part of the preceding letter.

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Sept. 12. 80. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. The master of a Nieuport
Dover Castle. vessel says that this day se'nnight he left Rochelle with Beaufort and
80 sail, 40 being merchantmen and only 20 large ships, but full of
men, and left them at anchor under Belle Isle. Will keep his ser-
vant till there are tidings of the fleet. The wind blows very hard,
full south.

Sept. 12. 81. Willm. Freman to Williamson. A vessel has come in which
Dover Castle. sailed from Rochelle with the whole French fleet, 40 sail besides
merchant ships and two Dutch men-of-war, and left them at Belle Isle,
very well manned, but only 20 good ships. Thinks the foul weather
detains our fleet; fears the packet sent off to it by the governor
could not get at it. The Duke of Richmond went for Cobham
yesterday.

Sept. 12. 82. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. De Beaufort has a great quantity
Dover. of bridge-boats; knows not where he intends to land. Fears the
Hollander will appear no more this year at sea. Hopes the conta-
gion will abate at Dover, but Deal and Sandwich are very bad.
Will come up if the Lords Comrs. [of Prizes] wish it, but it would
only be an increase of charge.

Sept. 12. 83. Order in Council for insertion in the weekly printed intelli-
Whitehall. gence of a declaration made on petition of Sir Edmund Turner, that
he is adjudged free from all misdemeanors and illegal proceedings
committed by George Carew, who, on 19 May 1665, had a joint
patent with himself to set out ships against the Dutch, till reim-
bursed of 151,612*l.*, he acting only in behalf of Sir John Wolstenholme
and the old Farmers of Customs, but not concurring in any of the
indirect proceedings named in the proclamation of 10th August
last.

Sept. 12. 84. "Advices received," being memoranda from letters calendared
in their respective dates.

Sept. 13. 85. Silas Taylor to Williamson. There was a report of the
Harwich. Dutch being in Southwold Bay, but thinks it false; they are gene-
rally believed to have passed homewards. Hopes to be in London
next week, but begs the Gazette even there, as usual.

Sept. 13. 86. List of the King's ships and their present stations, viz., 89
vessels, with 9 fire-ships, which had set sail from St. Helen's Road;
12 at Rye, in the Thames, Rolling Ground, or scouting, and 4
gone to convoy ships to Gottenburg and back.

Sept. 13. 87. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The fleet is sailing for the
Portsmouth. Downs, to meet the Duke of Albemarle, and look out for the enemy;
they are 80 sail of stout ships, well manned and fitted, and the
damage done by the last great storm has been made good. The
town is clear of the plague, which is a mercy, being so full of
people.

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Dover.

88. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is said to be on their own coasts, waiting for De Beaufort; hopes our fleet will meet with them; the custom house boat is carrying a packet to it from Lord Arlington. Capt. Desborough's creditors are very earnest for the remainder of his debt of 20*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* Must pay it in 14 days, and begs that Desborough may be sent to, to remit the money.

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89. Petition of Ann, widow of John Lloyd, late groom of His Majesty's stable, to the Queen, to move the King to receive her into the place in the almshouse, Clerk's Alley, Bishopsgate Street, void by decease of Alice Wyat. Her husband left her very poor, but she earned her livelihood till her house and all she had was burned in the late fire. Marked "Recommended by Her Majesty."

Sept. 13.
Truro.

90. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Imputes his silence since Aug. 30 to the trouble occasioned by the late fire. Prays to God to divert His judgments, and to give grace to all so to live as to divert the fierceness of His anger.

Sept. 13.
Swansea.

91. John Man to Williamson. If the sufferers in that great devastation yield so patiently to the hand of God, those whose interest is only in sympathy may well do so. A Hamburger laden with salt and brandy, going from France to Ireland, was chased and taken near Land's End, by a French pickeroon of 12 guns; the master of the Hamburger set the pilot on shore in the boat, and then returned to the vessel; the same pickeroon took two or three more vessels at the same time.

Sept. 13.
Portsmouth.

92. Hugh Salesbury to James Hicke. The fleet is setting sail, well repaired, 80 sail of good ships, well manned and in good health.

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Dover Castle.

93. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Will send the packet to Sir Thos. Clifford in the Royal Charles as soon as possible. There is no news of the fleet.

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94. "His Majesty's declaration to his city of London upon occasion of the late calamity by the lamentable fire." No man's loss in the late fire is comparable to his, but he hopes to live to see a much more beautiful city than that consumed, well provided against accidents by fire. Praises the courage of those who have undergone the greatest losses; rules and directions for rebuilding cannot yet be given, but the inconveniences of hasty and unskilful buildings must be avoided, and lest any should obstinately erect such buildings, on pretence that the ground is their own, the Lord Mayor and others are authorized to pull down the same. Yet to prevent delay in rebuilding, any number of men who address themselves to the Court of Aldermen, and show where they design to build, shall receive speedy directions. Brick having been found to resist and even extinguish fire, all houses are to be of brick or stone, and strongly arched cellars are recommended. Rules will be issued for the breadth of the principal streets, and no alleys allowed unless

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absolutely necessary. No houses are to be erected within some feet of the river, and those built are to be fair structures for ornament. The brewers, dyers, sugar bakers, and others whose trades are carried on by smoke are to live together in some quarter to be assigned them. A survey is to be made of the whole ground, and each person to have his land secured to him by Act of Parliament. A model is to be made by men of experience for rebuilding ruined places. Recommends the rebuilding of the churches to the charity of well-disposed persons. Will use all expedition in rebuilding and enlarging the custom house, and will part with any rights belonging to him to advance the service of the city. The hearth money duties for seven years are to be remitted to those who shall erect any buildings according to this declaration. [*Draft, signed, 6 pages. The last two lines in the hand of Lord Chancellor Clarendon.*]

Sept. 13. 95. Copy of the above. [*Printed, 10 pages.*]

Sept. 13. 96. ——— to Phil. Pedder, of Newport. Is too much affected
[London.] with the deplorable sight of London's ruin ever again to value the things of this world, seeing all man's labour and riches but a portion that an hour may consume. Heard many cries and complaints, but some gave glory to God in the fire, and wished the portion consumed had been more laid out for his glory. In three days the most flourishing city in the world is a ruinous heap, the streets only to be known by the maimed remainder of the churches. Men differ about how it began, but all agree that it was the anger of the Lord for the sins of the people, yet the great ones, like Israel of old, say, "the bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stones." Pestilence and fire have come; Jesus the Lord will empty his quiver of wrath, unless the nation improve its privileges. Has lost nothing in the fire; people were quite stupified and surprised by it. Private money affairs. [*3 pages.*]

Sept. 13. Proclamation ordering Oct. 10 to be observed as a day of
Whitehall. humiliation and fasting on account of the late fire, whereby the greatest part of London within the walls, part of the suburbs, 80 parishes, with churches, chapels, hospitals, &c., are become one ruinous heap; also ordering the distressed state of the people to be earnestly recommended to general charity in collections to be distributed by the Lord Mayor of London, as he sees fit. [*Printed, Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 230.*]

Sept. [13.] 97. Draft of the above. [*2 pages.*]

Sept. 13. 98. Petition of Rob. Hope, chief clerk of the spicery, to the
Whitehall. King, for a review of his accounts and restoration to his place, from which he has been suspended because his accounts are charged with heavy arrears for goods spent in the privy lodgings, &c. before any regulation was made in the household. With reference thereon to the Board of Greencloth.

Sept. 13. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 221.*]

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- Sept. 13. Warrant for a release to Edward Gray and five others of 1,000 marks' rent formerly reserved on their grant for licensing pedlars and petty chapmen, on account of the late visitation, &c., and for reduction of the said rent to 100 marks. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 230-1.*]
- Sept. 13. Warrant for a grant to Charles Earl of Derby of the Royal mines in the Isle of Man, reserving to the Crown the twentieth part of the profits. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 231.*]
- Sept. 13. 99. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Cannot doubt De Whitehall. Beaufort's being at Belle Isle, but wonders he should think of coming into the Channel this time of the year, the Dutch having retired and the English fleet at the Isle of Wight being ready to intercept him; even should he pass, knows not what great ships would do in those seas this winter. Thinks there must be some other design in it, and suggests whether he may not have taken troops on board intended for Ireland.
- Sept. 13. 100. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The fleet has Portsmouth Dockyard. sailed to Spithead. The York is so much out of repair that she must be half rebuilt. Has taken out of one of the fire-ships the best parcel of oak plank ever seen. The Norwich is left behind to be fitted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
100. 1. *Account of the defects of the York frigate.*
September 6, 1666.
- Sept. 13. 101. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Account of provisions issued Portsmouth. to 15 vessels since September 4; the brewers and bakers continue at work. A month's extra victuals is demanded for the whole fleet, which will carry away most of the dry provisions in port; a quantity of French wine has been distributed instead of beer. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 14. 102. Receipt by Robert Swan of the Little Gift, Roger Baker of the Dartmouth, and James Sharland of the Mary yacht, from Wm. Sarsfield, purser of the Harp, for printed instructions, muster books, and blank printed warrants, received 27 August, 14 September, 10 July, 1666. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- Sept. 14. 103. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The light fleet of colliers has Yarmouth. sailed towards Newcastle, and 14 vessels from the west country have come to fish.
- Sept. 14. 104. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Vessels from Ireland and the Pembroke. south coast have met with no men-of-war.
- Sept. 14. 105. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Sept. 14. 106. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Fourteen sail of west country Aldborough. fishermen have gone northward, with a small convoy frigate. There is no news of the Dutch fleet.
- Sept. 14. 107. P. Manaton to Williamson. A Newfoundland vessel arrived Barnstaple Custom House. from Cork reports all things quiet there, and says that a single man-of-war amongst them might have taken several bankers.

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Dover.

108. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. There have arrived 25 seamen, late prisoners in Holland, from Nieuport, but they had heard nothing of the Dutch fleet; it is supposed to have gone northwards to meet their East India fleet. Our fleet cannot get from Spithead in these south-east winds. Postscript, 4 p.m. The fleet of 90 sail is just seen off the Ness, and packets are sent to the Prince. At Newport nine Frenchmen are secured, having been noticed viewing the place; it is found out that they intended to fire it.

Sept. 14.
Bristol.

109. J. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Sends news from Rochelle. None have died of the sickness last week. The merchants, regarding the embargo as resulting from private rather than public interest, want it taken off, as many ships are ready for the West Indies and Virginia, and those places must sink unless relieved. The King would then have more seamen, for many slink out of sight who will come out to go to sea in merchant ships.

Sept. 14.
Newcastle.

110. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A Dutch man-of-war has taken a Yarmouth vessel laden with fish from Ireland and a fly boat, supposed to be from Scotland, and fired a small vessel, which escaped and got safe under the castle. Three more Dutch prisoners are brought in, eight of those that escaped being now taken; 100 ships are ready, but will not stir without convoy.

Sept. 14.
Whitby.

111. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The destruction of London by fire is reported to be a hellish contrivance of the French, Hollanders, and fanatic party. At the first notice of it there, the trained bands were in arms, those for the North Riding endeavouring at Malton, Sir Jordan Crosland's regiment at Easingwold, and Sir Thos. Strickland's foot company was sent to guard Whitby. The country being alarmed with the men-of-war, Alderman Shipton of Lythe raised 200 men in a moment, with such arms as they could get who were very willing to engage the enemy if they durst land, but seeing such a flocking of people, they weighed anchor, and are cruising off, expecting laden colliers from Newcastle or Sunderland.

Sept. 14.
Lynn.

112. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The Lord Lieutenant has ordered the discharge of both horse and foot in arms in the town, and the release of all the fanatics imprisoned, except three who abide his pleasure. Fifty light colliers have sailed for Newcastle. The coast is clear of Dutch and French.

Sept. 14.
Plymouth.

113. John Clarke to Williamson. Names of frigates in port, with merchantmen from Portugal and Scanderoon and a small vessel from Morlaix with linen cloth.

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Plymouth.

114. Sir J. Skelton to Williamson. Thanks for his attention to his business, and moving Lord Arlington on his son's behalf. The Prince of Denmark of Rotterdam, brought in by the Warwick, laden with salt, wine, &c., was so leaky that the Commissioners [for Prizes] ordered the sale of ship and goods. The salt was appraised at 6s. the bushel of 18 gallons, but no offer was made for it. A new sail

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was ordered, but stopped by Lord Arlington, and the ship was ordered to be kept from embezzlement. There has been none since she came into that port, but thinks there was some both of lading and ropes before. The crew are all sent to Exeter, except one Scotchman, who lies sick in the hospital.

Sept. 14. 115. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The mayor and magistrates
Dover. desire him to give a true account of the bill of mortality; from Sept. 8–15, 150 died of the plague, and 96 houses are shut. Wishes this to be put in the Gazette.

Sept. 14. 116. Wm. Symons to James Hickes. Laments the misfortune of
Bridgewater. the city, and prays that the loss may be sanctified. God has shaken his rod over that poor town; two houses began to be fired by accident, but were quenched without hurt done.

Sept. 14. 117. Ja. Reade to Williamson. Refers him for information to
Royal Charles. Sir Thos. [Clifford]. Offers service.

Sept. 14. 118. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. As the King's letter was
Cockpit. delivered to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland before notice came of the mistake, his grace will not let it be rectified, so that another must be offered for signature.

Sept. 14. 119. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Has sent the packets to
Dover Castle. the fleet, now between Dungeness and the Downs. The Dutch fleet is thought to have been put northward by the late storms.

Sept. 14. 120. [Aphara Behn to Mr. Halsall]. Her letters from Holland say that the French fleet cannot be got ready to join the Holland fleet, and that a speedy battle may prevent the joining. There are disorders in the States, and another is displaced from the Council for visiting Buat in prison. It is said that if our fleet win, the Prince [of Orange], who is at Cleves, will return with an army, and the army in Holland is generally for him. Also, that Benjamin Turley is the quaker in whom the fanatics so confide, but his name is not to be mentioned. [*Partly in cypher, decyphered, 2 pages.*]

Sept. 14. Recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Rich. Irwing, sewer, for relief, the King being sensible of his great extremity and want. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 221.*]

[Sept. 14.] Note that Capt. Searle's petition is referred to the Duke of Ormond. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 221.*]

[Sept. 14.] Recommendation of the petition of Denis Riordan to the Duke of York, to give a pass for the importation of the French ship with wine, and for its export with English commodities. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 222.*]

Sept. 14. 121. Request by Thos. Dixon, messenger of the chamber, for payment of 8*l.* 11*s.* for expenses of a journey to Rainham, Norfolk, with an express for Lord Townshend, Aug. 30, 1666.

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Sept. 14. Commission for Walter Rosse to be surgeon to the Duke of Monmouth's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 133a.*]
- Sept. 14. Commissions to Jo. Crudge to be lieutenant, and John Pickford, ensign to Sir Fras. Godolphin. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 133a.*]
- Sept. 14. Warrant to Lord Cullen to send up Capt. Baynes to London. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 230.*]
- Sept. 14. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to issue a writ of summons to Thos. Earl of Ossory to sit in the present Parliament as a Peer of England. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 232.*]
- Sept. 14. 122. Warrant to Lord Chancellor Clarendon to issue a writ of
Westminster. summons to Sir Thos. Butler of Moore Park, son and heir apparent of James Duke of Ormond, to attend the ensuing Parliament as a Baron of England.
- Sept. 14. 123. Warrant for confirmation of certain agreements made
Whitehall. between Sir Gervase Lucas, Martha, widow of Sir Hen. Carey, and others, being the owners and tenants of the common lands of Dartmoor Forest, co. Devon, as composition for their rights of pasture therein, according to a contract entered into Feb. 27, 1666, between the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer on behalf of the Crown, and the said Sir Gervase Lucas and others, empowering them to make the said compositions, with promise to ratify the same, they being commissioned to enclose part of the said lands for His Majesty's use, apportioning the residue among the said tenants; the portion assigned to the Crown to be let to farm, at a fourth of its yearly value, to the said Sir Gervase Lucas and others for 500 years, they enclosing and improving the same within three years at their own cost, and the lands to the said tenants to be granted in fee soccage. [*5 pages.*]
- Sept. 14. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 233-7.*]
- Sept. 15. 124. The King to the Company of Cooks. Requests them to
Whitehall. permit Richard Pierce, who having suffered greatly in the late calamity, has no place wherein to exercise his trade as cook, to use their common hall, till he is in a condition to procure a dwelling of his own.
- Sept. 15. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 203.*]
- Sept. 15. 125. [Wm. Wardour] to Lord Ashley. States the sums hitherto received from the several counties in England and Wales for the 18 months' assessment, 959,354*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*; for the assessment of October 1660, 65,883*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.* [*2½ pages.*]
- Sept. 15. 126. Thos. Hanson, alderman of Grantham, to Lord Arlington.
Grantham. In obedience to his letter, asked the assistance of Sir Rob. Markham and Thos. Skipwith, justices of the peace for Kesteven, and they have examined John Pechell on the interrogatories sent and on others, but he would only answer that he was not bound to accuse

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himself. His trunk had no directions, and several papers in it being precedents of proceedings, &c., related to his profession when a clerk. Thinks he has not published any papers of the same kind; he is thought by the neighbours to be mad or distracted, is of a deep melancholy and silent disposition, and has behaved quietly one and a half years.

Sept. 15. 127. Proposals by Sir Edw. Ford, for maintaining the fleet and rebuilding London, by bills to be made payable on the taxes to be given to the King by Parliament,—arguing that certainty of payment, though at a remote date, and portableness are most preferable in money, both of which will be attained by these bills.

Sept. 15. 128. Ralph Hope to Williamson. It is impossible to persuade Coventry. the people into any other belief than that the Papists have a design to rise and cut their throats, and they impute the late sad conflagration solely to their continuance and propagation; this has been insinuated by what happened at Warwick. A boy gathering blackberries sees a man doing something in a ditch, who hastily puts something into a bag and goes away; the boy finds at the place a blackish-brown ball, and carries it before the deputy lieutenants then met. There is no appearance of anything combustible in it, but all take it to be an unfinished fire-ball; the boy describes the man and takes his oath; the whole town takes the alarm; hue and cries are sent out every way to apprehend the man, but all in vain; the town is in a tumult all day, every man in arms, besides the militia horse keeping strict guard all night. Next day Sir Henry Pickering comes with his troop, dismisses the horse guard, and commands the townsmen home; they peremptorily refuse to obey, and after some high words, tell him that for aught they knew, he had a design himself to betray the town. Sir Harry grows angry and commands the troops to fire unless they disperse; the townsmen dare them to do it, cocking their loaded muskets, so that had not the prudence of some prevented, much mischief had been done. The tempest calmed at last, and the townsmen by degrees dropped home. Though the Mayor of Warwick says it was a fire-ball, an ingenious gentleman says it was no such thing. The Papists thereabouts are very high, well armed, and have frequent and suspicious meetings. Mr. Dormer, of Grove Park, a noted papist, is bound over to the assizes for some dangerous speeches. There are strange ridiculous reports, one of which is that the General is poisoned. The trade of killing sheep and taking out the tallow only is still followed in several places thereabouts.

Sept. 15. 129. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Not knowing what influence Kendal. the fire in London might have amongst the discontented, issued orders to call together his foot company in Kendal, and sent a messenger to the colonel, Sir George Fletcher; he communicated with the deputy lieutenants and the Earl of Carlisle, who ordered the several troops to rendezvous,—the colonel's at Appleby, major's and

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his (the writer's) at Kendal, lieutenant-colonel's at Branton, Sir Wm. Carleton's at Penrith, Sir Thos. Salkeld's and Mr. Huddleston's at Cockermouth, and the train band horse at Penrith; also all suspected persons to be secured, but they were soon ordered to be released, and the troops to be disbanded. The Quakers write word that George Fox is set at liberty, and they hope great things from him on his arrival in London. His release will much discourage the justices from acting against Quakers. The Quakers intimate no sorrow for the late burning down of so many "steeple houses," as they call them, in the city, and write more boldly than formerly. The Lancashire gentry are fallen in pieces, the Papists "stomaching" that some of their houses should have been searched for arms; both parties have addressed the King and Council. Asks whether to discharge Walker, who was imprisoned on Lord Delamere's letter, or to bail him, or to keep him prisoner. [2 pages.]

Sept. 15. 130. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Asks whether his letters
Langard Point have been received, and those he sent to his wife. The Dutch fleet
Fort. is still abroad; 2 frigates were chased into Aldborough the other day, which had like to have gone into the Dutch fleet instead of our own.

Sept. 15. 131. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Sir Thos. Clifford has just
Dover Castle. landed and is going to London. Lent 2*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Yale, the messenger sent yesterday, who had no money to carry him back.

Sept. 15. 132. Jo. Dallett to [Williamson]. On the 14th the fleet passed
Rye. by and lay at anchor at Ness, near 100 men-of-war, beside smaller vessels. On the 15th they sailed towards the Downs.

Sept. 15. 133. List of 19 ships cleared [at Newcastle] for the week ending
15th September.

Sept. 15. 134. Rich. Forster to Williamson. No vessels have arrived
Newcastle. since his last. Sends a paper cast into an alderman's house
Encloses,

134. I. *Lines by Bs. sp. st. bidding Newcastle beware lest it be laid low like London.*

Sept. 15. 135. John Lysle to Williamson. Account of two prizes brought
West Cowes. in by Capt. Chris. Gunman, of the Orange. They report that Beaufort's fleet came to St. Martin's in August; the ships foul, leaky, and much shattered, and not to be made tight because they had been so long in the Straits, and were spoiled by worms. They were preparing to conduct 60 French and 6 great Holland ships, laden with salt for the *grande partie* of France; most of their men have the flux. Thousands of foot were drawn to Rochelle, St. Martin's, and adjacent ports, but it was not known whither they were to be shipped.

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Sept. 15. 136. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. They have shown their
Lyme. sympathy with distressed brethren in London by a collection of 100*l.* towards their relief. Is glad of the rational account of the fire in the Gazette, after such a diversity of reports. A great fleet of merchantmen has arrived at Plymouth, from Portugal, the Straits, &c. Is obliged to pay for all his letters, as none are taken without pay.
- Sept. 15. 137. John Pocock to James Hickes. Fry of Shaston scruples to
Weymouth. carry his letters without being paid for them.
- Sept. 15. 138. Luke Whittington to Williamson. All are melancholy at the
Hull. great loss in London. Trade is dead. A Norway merchant ship with Danish seamen, laden with deals for a Russian merchant at Newcastle, has arrived, and says Alderman Smith of London was to procure a pass for him from the Duke of York; meanwhile the skipper and all his men have given security for good behaviour, and are persons well known by the Russia merchants.
- Sept. 15. 139. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.
- Sept. 15. 140. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Again urges neces-
Chester Castle. sary supplies for the garrison. On Thursday the whole city was put into a fright by a fire at a tanner's kiln, next the post office, in Forest [Foregate] Street, caused by a careless fellow making too large a fire to dry his bark, but the industry of the people overcame it with little damage.
- Sept. 15. 141. M. A[nderton] to Williamson. The news of the fire made
Chester. people fear lest the King's person might be in some danger, and quickened them to duty to preserve public peace, and compassionate the calamity of their afflicted brethren. The magistrates and officers bestirred themselves like good Christians, and are much relieved by the good news of the patience and calmness of the Londoners, and their applause of the King, as a principal instrument in preserving what was rescued from the fire. At first all feared it was some plot of the enemy; all in that country and city are so zealous in His Majesty's service that no danger is to be dreaded from foreign or intestine enemies. Particulars of the fire on the 13th in Foregate Street, quenched by the activity of the magistrates and noble governor, with extraordinary labour of the people.
- Sept. 15. 142. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Mr. Cooley will write to his
Canterbury. honour in future, and refuse others. Mr. Muddiman much abused Cooley's judgment in inducing him to refuse before. Lord Middleton, who was waiting for the fleet at Walmer, joined it about Dungeness. One of the King's ship's boats was taken up in Thanet, and carried to Minster; wants an order for her delivery to him, to use in the service. The distemper is ceasing in Deal.
- Sept. 15. 143. Capt. John Strode to Lord Arlington. Whilst the Dutch fleet
Dover Castle. lay in sight, and London was still burning, took up Hen. Woodward

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coming to town in the night. He pretends to be sent to stop Mr. Henges, a Dutch merchant, who had fled from London, and come to Dover to ship himself away. Detained him till he could procure a certificate from Sir John Langham, who, he says, knows him, but since hearing from Sir John Griffith that Mr. Henges is his prisoner, and something alleged against him, asks what to do with the other.

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Papers relating to the Loyal Subject, viz. :—

144. Memoranda of her hire, refitting, payment and discharge, &c. June 6 to Sept. 15, 1666. [*1½ pages.*]

145. Certificate of measurement, 100 feet by $32\frac{1}{4}$ feet, by Phineas Pett. July 12, 1665.

146. Note by W. S. to Mr. Hayter, of her date of muster, June 30, and time of sailing July 3.

147. Certificate by Capt. Geo. Erwin, of her readiness to sail on the 10th of June 1665, excepting for her guns. July 20, 1665.

148. Memorandum that the ship is to be borne on the King's charge from Aug. 13 to Sept. 15, &c.

149. Certificate by Capt. John Fortescue of the delivery of the ship to its owners, Sept. 15, 1666.

Sept. 15.
Gravesend.

150. Rich. Elkin to Sam Pepys. The Malaga Merchant fire-ship has set sail for the fleet; no victuallers are at present in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 15.
Edwinstow.

151. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Want of money makes the men unwilling to engage in felling timber; has bought a mast, bowsprit, and other provisions for the Adam and Eve; she must have new sails and the shipwright must be paid for her repairs; cannot go on with the employment without money; 200*l.* was due for land carriage before the last imprest bill was granted; it is impossible to float the timber down to Hull in the present condition of the river; desires a warrant for John Huntington to be master of the Adam and Eve; the Black Dog is laden and gone to Chatham; Note of her bill of lading. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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152. List of 20 ships hired by the victuallers to carry provisions to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 15.
Ipswich.

153. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Forbore sending his account sooner, not knowing what might have become of the Navy Office during the late sad and lamentable fire; the Lord be praised that it is preserved; the Maybolt, Abigail, and many victuallers are still loading bread and beer for the fleet; 20 or 30 oxen are killed every week; there is no want of provision. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

153. i. Account by Thos. Clarke and And. Crawley of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, received from ships during the month of August 1666.

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153. II. *Schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted to 27 ships during the same month.*

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Dover.

154. Fr. Hosier to Sam Pepys. Fears that the former accounts have not come to hand, by reason of the late sad disaster; part of our fleet are upon the French coast; eight victuallers are ready to sail to them as soon as they have convoy; list of provisions in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 16.
Rye.

155. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Progress of the repairs of the St. Andrew; wishes some person sent to suvey her. The Happy Return is ready to sail. The fleet has passed, anchored one night off Dungeness, and is now out of sight. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 16.
Portsmouth
Dockyard.

156. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Asks whether the ships left behind by the fleet are to have full repair, or only to be fitted for present service. The Slothany is a sad ship; Mr. Tippetts and Mr. Byland think that a fourth-rate might be built with the charge that must be laid out to make her fit for service. Was obliged to hire soldiers from the town to land the oak plank found in a fire-ship, the poor labourers being almost dead with getting provisions into the boats and other work on shore. Has had no time to make up any accounts, all has been done in hurry and confusion. It is not to be believed the many things delivered and nothing returned, some of the captains knew not how "to distinguish a horse head from a roman S" in their demands. Particulars of hemp tendered and stores required. "Without straw it will be hard to make brick," and without money the King's business must stand still. There is not a boat left belonging to the yard; workmen of all sorts are lessened, carpenters discharged, and townsmen dead; begs that these wants may be supplied before urgent necessity calls. The plague decreases; the governor will not admit any of the King's servants into the town. The labourers suffer during the wet and dirty weather, by being obliged to live four or five miles away from the yard. Has no cordage in store; the sails intended for Plymouth had to be issued out for the fleet; others shall be made in lieu of them. The fleet is at St. Helen's. [*Adm. Paper, 4 pages.*]
Encloses,

156. I. *Survey by John Tippetts and Edw. Byland of the defects of the York, Crown, Malaga, Slothany, and Norwich.*
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Sept. 16.
Hull.

157. Luke Whittington to James Hicke. A hundred sail of colliers, with two convoys, have passed by for Newcastle. Two Holland privateers appeared a little to the north, and shot many shots ashore. The country, being jealous lest they should land, went down to the shore in great numbers, with such arms as they had, so that the vessels stood to sea again.

Sept. 16.
Dover Castle.

158. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. Has a certificate from the parish in London where Woodward lived that he is a silk

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weaver, and well affected to government. Prince Rupert writes word that he is going with the fleet to Cape Cogue, and will ply between there and the Isle of Wight to meet with the French fleet, there being no news of the Dutch.

Sept. 16. 159. Hugh Salesbury to James Hicke. Two days after the fleet
Portsmouth. sailed, the wind blew so hard easterly that they were expected back again, but they kept the sea. The ketches that attend Jersey and Guernsey have cleared the coasts of shallops and pickeroons.

Sept 16. 160. Mark Scott to Williamson. All is peaceable there and in
Berwick. Scotland. Last week there was a muster in Edinburgh and Leith, before the new Major-general Diell; 5,000 pretty men appeared, marching in arms from Edinburgh to Holyrood Palace, where the Commissioner resides. In returning, a dispute arose between the merchants' apprentices and the mechanics' apprentices, in which one man was killed, and if the Lord Provost had not carried the business wisely, it might have proved very hazardous. The coast is infested by French capers, and they have taken two small Scots' vessels; one of Berwick that was with them, being a good sailer, escaped.

Sept. 16. 161. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Has no news. The people
Falmouth. much lament the loss in the late dreadful fire.

Sept. 16. 162. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sends letters from our fleet,
Dover. which lies before St. Valery's; hopes it may meet with the French fleet. Our ships chased two of the enemy's ashore, and blew up one yesterday. A fifth-rate frigate has sailed by with a prize. Longs to hear what is done about his accounts.

Sept. 16. 163. John Bower to James Hicke. Several men-of-war have
Bridlington. been daily on the coast; 200 sail of light colliers with only two convoys have come in; they met one Holland man-of-war, and are in danger of meeting more. The coast will be much damaged unless a man-of-war is sent to guard it.

Sept. 16. 164. J. Summer, [postmaster], to Williamson. Will post away
Northampton. the King's commands to Lord Cullen. Thanks for his speaking to Sir Phil. Frowde on his behalf; begs pardon for the past, when he was negligent and did not know his office.

Sept. 16. 165. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. On Friday the Dutch fleet was
Walmer. in Ostend road, and had suffered much in the late storm; another Dutch admiral blew up, and not a man was saved, and several vessels were stranded. Our fleet is to ride at Dungeness to wait for the French and Dutch; the French are said to be about Ussion. Alderman Leonard Brown, a person of good worth, a great sufferer and in everything well qualified, was elected mayor of Canterbury. The boat mentioned before proves too little for the service.

Sept. 16. 166. Leo. Williams and Willm. Frear to Lord Arlington. Have
been at great charge in buying horses, &c., to go to Ireland, and

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now hear that the resolution of sending them is altered; beg consideration for their expenses, and for their care about the city since the fire began. Think his honour has a fancy to some others who will not serve him as well as they; were never public witnesses against any of their party; beg encouragement to serve him.

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Sept. 17.
Dover.

1. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Has sent his, Lord Arlington's, and Sir Wm. Coventry's packets to be carried to the fleet, but the south-west wind is contrary. A packet sent in from Broad Hemson, from Capt. Ball of the Success, is supposed to contain tidings of the French fleet, and was dispatched within an hour by the Fanfan. Is joyful that some discovery is made of the horrid contrivers of the firing of London.

Sept. 17.
Swansea.

2. John Man to Williamson. Two vessels come from Jersey for coals report that Sir Thos. Morgan, governor, has put the place in so good a posture of offence and defence that they are secure against any attempts of the enemy, if they have courage to look them in the face. An Isle of Wight privateer, though having no great guns, took a Holland vessel of 300 tons, laden with wine, salt, &c., and has brought her into Guernsey, one of the King's ships having before chased her into an open harbour in France.

Sept. 17.
Swansea.

3. John Man to James Hickes. Sympathizes with him especially, and with the thousands of sufferers from the fire, and prays that these afflictions may be sanctified.

Sept. 17.
Truro.
8 P.M.

4. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Last night, 32 great ships, supposed to be the French fleet under De Beaufort, stood in towards Mount's Bay. The news was sent express from Sir Fras. Godolphin.

Sept. 17.
Hague.

5. Rob. Yard to Williamson. Will do his best soon to write to him in some other language. Is not so ignorant of his own good as to neglect his time.

Sept. 17.
Norwich.

6. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news; people there are at their wit's end, not knowing how to carry on trade by reason of the great fire in London.

Sept. 17.
Yarmouth.

7. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The capers are daily in sight, and keep the fishers in. A sloop arrived from Ostend can give no account of the Dutch fleet.

Sept. 17.
Aldborough.

8. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Went on board a small vessel in the bay, which pretends to be a Swede, laden with deals bound for London, and to have a pass from the Duke of York, which is in

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London; thinks she is a Dane. She had been 14 days out and seen no sail, but had heard guns to the south, on Friday and Saturday. The people say guns have been heard these four days, and flock to him daily for news. A small dogger, with flag and jack, went quickly by northwards, firing two guns as it passed.

Sept. 17. 9. John Pocock to James Hickes. A private man-of-war has
Weymouth. been cast away on that coast.

Sept. 17. 10. Dr. Thos. Barlow to Williamson. The society are troubled
Queen's College, with an expression in his letter, threatening that if what he desires
Oxford. be not done, he will take it undecently, by ways he is not willing to recur to. They are sure that having sworn to the founder's statutes, he cannot justly take anything from the college, nor do anything to the prejudice of the statutes, and disquiet of the college. On the reading of his letter, it was voted unanimously that, setting aside debates about his title, all respect should be continued to him as follows:—His name kept in the book, his place in the chapel, his commons in the hall, when he chooses to come, his vote in all college business when there, his salary be punctually paid, and his chamber assigned him when he thinks fit to reside, but no disposal nor benefit of it allowed him in his absence; this signifies much to all fellows below him, who thus have each a better chamber. The society respect him, and wish him to continue his relation to the college, being in a condition to be a great comfort and credit to it, and thank him for his costly expressions of kindness.

Sept. 17. 11. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. All share the afflictions, and
Pembroke. hope they are not God's judgments. No news from sea.

Sept. 17. 12. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Wants a commission for priva-
Pendennis. teers, if any are to be granted. They were alarmed at midnight by an express from Sir Fras. Godolphin, that 12 great ships, and then 21 more, were seen off Mount's Bay. They shot several guns, and were supposed to be the French fleet. The country was very ready to answer the alarm, though the vessels could not be seen in the darkness, and now they are supposed to be as high as Plymouth. The two Hamburgers laden with salt have left the harbour, by leave of the vice-admiral.

Sept. 17. 13. Deposition of William Hopkins, of Wedgbury, co. Stafford, taken before Sir Rob. Holt, of Warwickshire. Heard Edw. Dolphin, of Camphill, near Birmingham, say that the Papists would be uppermost for a time; that he had Pythagoras' wheel, and could tell when an untruth was spoken, and cared not if he were hanged, so he could serve the country; that the King and Duke of York are papists, and the King has been at mass underground within a fortnight, and that a royal G. would rule over us. Asked if he meant George Monk; he said no, but Prince Rupert, a German prince, in whose cause all would venture lives and fortunes. He confirmed what he had said before the man of the house, and said he should ride on the examinant's horse within this half year. [*Copy, authenticated by Sir Rob. Holt.*]

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Antwerp.

14. A. Behn to [Thos. Killigrew]. Complains much of Mr. Halsall's silence, which puts a sensible delay to all service. [Scott] is very cautious, yet wants only a little encouragement, beyond her bare word, to do all that is desired of him, but three posts having passed and no reply, he begins to think himself neglected. Defends herself for having sent for money by a servant, who is neither a cheat nor a traitor, though a mean fellow. Her mother was not fit to come for it, and Sir Thomas is seldom in town. Will mind what she is about diligently, how great a child soever she may be in other matters. Is in a private lodging, but only wants money to remove to a cheaper place where Scott can come. All the rogues from Holland flock thither, and talk such treason about the King as would make one mad. Urges for money, and begs his good opinion and that of His Majesty Will never betray him nor herself through her folly. Has sent some papers in Mr. Williamson's packet. [4 pages.] *Annexing,*

14. I. Wm. Scott to Aphara Behn. Will use his cypher on arrival at the Hague, where Bampffield will watch him. There will be intestine trouble if the Dutch fleet lose the day; they are gone so far westward, with 82 ships of war and 24 fire-ships, that in case of loss, they could only retreat to the French ports. In that case the people will declare their discontent, and bear the war no longer. Buat still remains in prison; Mynheer Pau's son, who visited him there, is removed from the council. A report is spread, in order to frighten others, that he has confessed much. Has been with Benj. Turley, the quaker, and found Phelps and Major Radwell with him; judges that something is brewing. Hill has been imprisoned, but is released on security not to return to Holland without leave. Bampffield said he had engaged Hill eight or nine months ago to go to England and manage a correspondence with the Presbyterians, and Hill reported to Bampffield a meeting which the writer was to hold with others of the King's friends at Leyden. Hill wanted to establish himself as Greek professor at Leyden, or as a minister after Mr. Maiden, whose daughter he wishes to marry, and he has been to England to dispose of all his property there, &c. He also engaged with the fiscal of admiralty in Zealand to keep up a correspondence at Ostend and in England, to discover what merchant ships could be made prizes of, and to prepare those in England for a correspondence with the Hollanders, when opportunity offers. Thinks the fanatics at the Hague need not be feared, if due caution be observed. A woman's letter has been intercepted at the Hague. Hopes it is not hers. With note [by Aphara Behn], certifying this to be a true copy of Mr. Scott's letter, and adding that the intercepted letter named

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was not hers, but that Mr. Corney's tongue should be clipped, as not knowing her business, he does great hurt. [4 pages, partly in cypher, decyphered.]

Sept. 17.
Dover.

15. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The masters of the victuallers cannot be persuaded to sail without a convoy. A great noise of guns is heard upon Dover hills; it is thought to be an engagement between the English and French. Fears the fleet will be in want of provisions. Account of victuals already shipped and of those remaining in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 17.
Bristol.

16. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. In the absence of Sir John Knight, has communicated with his son, who seems willing to supply all things necessary for the Dartmouth frigate. Mr. Gauden has instructed his agent to furnish victuals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 17.
The Lily,
Yarmouth.

17. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. The ship is caulked and victualled, but has had no new sails. The fishermen fear to go with one frigate only, having seen a large Dutch man-of-war beyond the sands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 18.
Portsmouth.

18. Hugh Salisbury to Sir Wm. Batten. Mr. Williams is elected mayor, and himself chosen justice of the peace, against his own will and consent; asks the direction of the Board, it being contrary to their order that any dock officer should bear office in the town; three justices are chosen yearly, with the mayor, and must be those who have been mayors, and there were only three left beside himself, who had been mayors. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 18.
Plymouth.

19. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Six victuallers sailed yesterday to the fleet; will hasten further preparations. An alarm has been raised by Sir Fras. Godolphin of the Duke de Beaufort being upon the coast; it proves to be the English Straits' fleet, consisting of 30 sail. Complains of having to pay the postage of letters, although superscribed for His Majesty's special service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 18.
Deptford
Dockyard.

20. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Sir Wm. Warren's mast ship is laden, but waits for sails, those prepared having been expended in the fleet; Mr. Tippetts cannot give judgment about the repairs of the ship until she be opened. Oars come in apace, but no money to pay for them. Wants deals. The large demands of boatswains and carpenters will be found larger even than was stated. Will not send them by post but by a carrier. Would rather advise burning the Slothany than setting her to sea. The Crown Malaga is left behind for repairs. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Sept. 18.
Plymouth.

21. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The victuallers have sailed, under convoy of the Constant Warwick; the Pearl could not go, so many men being taken to man the prizes, &c. One of the Greenland prize ships is upwards of 250 tons, and contains 14 pieces of ordnance. Begg a speedy order for money. Account of ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 18. 22. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Constant Warwick
Plymouth. and other ships, with the Straits and Portugal fleets, have departed
for the Downs. Further particulars of ships. Asks for his salary,
and directions about the men to be borne on the hulks. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 18. 23. Thos. Chudleigh to the Navy Comrs. Can no longer supply
Kinsale. necessities to the disabled ships, for want of money. Begg that
the 816*l.* due upon his bills of exchange may be paid. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 18. 24. Capt. Val. Pyne to the Navy Comrs. Has procured a vessel
The St. Andrew, of the town to fetch his cables and anchors left in the bay, and
Rye. lightened the ship, which has righted her much. Mr. Castell has
examined her defects, and taken the particulars. Eighty men are
sent to Prince Rupert, and leave given to the sick and unservice-
able to visit their friends for recovery. The Commissioners for
sick and wounded do not allow them to be quartered in the town,
though many would be willing to receive them, if sure of the
allowance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 18. 25. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Repeats his request,—lest his
Rushton. former letters have miscarried,—that Capt. Baynes may be heard
before he is sent to prison, having a large family; he will be
undone if he remain long a prisoner, which cannot be intended if
he is not guilty. His frank coming in to surrender, on hearing of
a search made for him in the north, makes this favour desired.
Lady Cullen pleads for him, for his poor wife's sake.
- Sept. 18. 26. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A ship from St. Valery met the
Newcastle. Dutch fleet off Calais on the 6th, 70 odd sail, and was aboard
De Ruyter. On the 8th, she met a Dutch caper, who plundered
her, and beat the captain so sore on his shoulders that he is hardly
able to stir.
- Sept. 18. 27. John Payne to James Hikes. Wishes he had taken his
Saxmundham. advice and come to London, but has been ill; will come on
Saturday next if better, and can answer for anything he has
done.
- Sept. 18. 28. Joh. Smith to Williamson, The Nieuport packet reports
2 P.M., that the Dutch fleet is not in Ostend Road. Is confident that the
Margate. ships chased by the English fleet on Saturday and Sunday, when
the guns were heard, were the Dutch fleet; in the chase they blew
up two of their ships; they are gone westward, some say to meet
the French fleet.
- Sept 18. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The coast is clear of the
Portsmouth. enemy. The York, being more out of repair than any other ship,
stayed behind the fleet, but is now ready to go; there was a
great storm last night, but has heard of no damage done.

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Southwold,
5 A.M.

30. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. On Saturday and Sunday much shooting was heard S.E., and a great ship went southward with her topmast down. Capt. Thurston of the Mary ketch, sent by Comr. Taylor to range along the coast and discover the Gottenburg fleet, fell in with a French frigate, at first carrying English colours, but he plied his guns, and stood in for the town. The frigate left him, and he thinks sailed for Orfordness.

Sept. 18.
Plymouth.

31. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Lisbon and Scanderoon ships, with the victuallers for the fleet, sailed last night with four convoys. The Earl of Bath received an express from Sir Fras. Godolphin about the vessels supposed to be the French fleet; but a vessel from Fowey reports them to be the English Straits' fleet, which is generally believed.

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32. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Sept. 18.
Plymouth
Fort.

33. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Departure of the vessels named above; 31 merchant ships from the Straits and 4 from Guinea have passed, and probably joined the English fleet before coming to the Isle of Wight. It was at first supposed to be the Duke of Beaufort's fleet.

Sept. 18.
Plymouth.

34. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Alarm occasioned by apprehensions of the French fleet. The militia were very forward to hinder their landing; they are now said to be the Straits' merchant fleet from Ireland. Departure of the Lisbon and Scanderoon vessels, &c.

Sept. 18.
London.

Levant Company to [the Earl of Winchelsea]. Recommend Hen. Bowyer, appointed to succeed Mr. Lister as consul at Cyprus. Mr. Denton, the minister, is mistaken in saying he was to have 500 dollars yearly salary; 200 is the usual allowance, but lately, on account of the fall of moneys, a gratuity of 200 more has been added; as to the kind of money, all the company's duties, salaries, &c., at Constantinople are henceforth to be paid in Lyons dollars, his excellency's entertainment only excepted. Are desirous to hinder the passing of moneys in Turkey at an overvalue, so as to prevent scandal; though much straitened for money, order him a gratuity of 2,000 dollars, as moved for by Mr. Rycaut, to whom they have given 50*l.*, though disapproving his coming to England at the company's charge. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 139-140.]

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Levant Company to Willm. Hedges. Payments at Smyrna and Constantinople are to be made in Lyons dollars or their value; complain of the uncivil letter and demands of Mr. Denton, the minister. Moneys are not to be overvalued. Think the Cambio of 30 per cent. too much; no principal's account is charged therewith. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 141-2.]

Sept. 18.
London.

Levant Company to Consul Cave. Goods sent to factors refusing the oath are to be detained till they comply, and the ambassador is to be informed of their contempt. Will hold him liable for the con-

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sulage which he has needlessly remitted to Capt. Woodgrave and the commanders of the last four general ships; orders thereon in particular cases. He is to inform the Turks how much the English resent the over valuation of moneys by the French and Dutch. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5., pp. 142-4.]

Sept. 18. Levant Company to Rich. Langley. He is to pay 500 dollars to
London. Henry Bowyers, sent consul to Cyprus, for his charge of settling himself. Payments are to be in Lyons dollars. Blame the consul for remission of consulage. Joseph and Charles Edwards and Charles Brandon have been presented at a general court as contemners of the company's orders, and all persons forbidden to consign goods to them until they comply. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 144-5.]

Sept. 18. 35. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. The fleet is now passing by
Dover Castle. to the Downs, having had a terrible night of it in Rye Bay, where the Royal Sovereign was ashore for some time, but is now gone for the Downs.

Sept. 18. 36. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The distemper is so hot in Sand-
Walmer. wich, that letters should now be sent by Deal, which is almost clear. Capt. Ball, of the Sussex, has brought in a deal-laden prize of 250 tons. Several ships have come into the Downs. There has been a a terrible storm; the whole fleet has come in, and one ship has not a mast standing.

Sept. 18. 37. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The fleet was yesterday near Dun-
Margate. geness. On Saturday and Sunday they chased 60 sail, which made all the haste they could westward. Hears that 60 Flemings were lately in Ostend Road, and in that case, would be much damaged by the foul weather.

Sept. 18. 38. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The letters to the fleet were sent,
Dover. at much danger to the shallop. The Sovereign was upon the Rip-Raps, near Folkstone, her boats blown to sea, and for two hours they gave themselves for lost; but at last she came off, only with the loss of her boats. The fleet is now, 2 p.m., sailing to the Downs, the wind being too high for the Narrows. One ship has lost her masts, but will yet be saved. Fears more ships are hurt.

Sept. 18. 39. Ja. Reade to Williamson. Will not write particulars,
Royal Charles, Mr. Hayes having sent them; thanks for his letters and news.
Downs.

Sept. 19. 40. Jo. Hayes to Williamson. Has not written lately, because
Sir Thos. Clifford and Capt. Reade write, and are less busy than he in preparing despatches for court. M. de la Roche has been taken in the Ruby, a ship of 54 guns and 500 men, which was separated from Beaufort, and fell into the midst of the White squadron, the colour of the flag deceiving him that it was French. Other ships with him fled and were pursued, but the success is not known. The enemy burned two ships on Saturday night off St. Valery, and the next day another of 30 guns, and another was run ashore by Capt. Digby. De Beaufort is said to be gone back with the body of his fleet, and the Dutch to be in Ostend Road.

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Sept. 19. 41. Rich. Browne to [Williamson]. The small ketch had a
Aldborough. skirmish with a French sloop off Southwold, and is said to have sent a packet to the Gottenburg fleet. Two vessels, supposed to be Dutch capers, have stood northward; fears they may fall in among the fishermen, who are hindered by many small pickeroons, and come in daily to Yarmouth for shelter.

Sept. 19. 42. Petition of Capt. John Wadlow to the King, for leave to import, custom free, 300 tuns of Canary wine which he holds in Flanders, to save him from ruin; lost 100 tuns of wine in the fire, his house being taken up for the Duke of York and His Majesty's Council, and the street blocked up with timber, &c., so that it could not be got away. Has paid large sums of money in customs on the wines he imports.

Sept. 19. 43. Lord Ashley to Wm. Wardour. . Requests to know what has yet been paid in on the 18 months' assessment, and also on the assessment for October, 1660, up to September 15, 1666.

[Sept. 19.] 44. Proclamation ordering all persons who have taken plate,
[Whitehall.] goods, building materials, &c., from the ruins of the houses demolished by the late fire [in London], either wilfully, ignorantly, or of purpose, to return the same to the owners, to bring them to the armory in Finsbury Fields, there to be kept and inventoried, for restoration to the rightful owners. [3 sheets.]

Sept. 19. Copy of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., pp. 231-2.*]

Sept. 19. Warrant for using the timber and tiles taken from the old hall of Greenwich House, for repair of the buildings called Sir John Denham's Buildings, in Scotland Yard, which the King intends to take for his own service, and which would be damaged in their present condition should the season prove wet. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 241.*]

Sept. 19. 45. Order in Council for the printing and publishing a declaration
Whitehall. of war against Denmark. [*Printed.*] *Annexing,*

45. I. "*A true deduction of all transactions between His Majesty of Great Britain and the King of Denmark, with a declaration of war against the said King, and the motives that obliged His Majesty thereunto.*" [22 pages, printed.]

Sept. 19. 46. Thos. Holden to Williamson. False alarm from the report of
Falmouth. the French fleet being off the coast. A great vessel has passed without main mast, and has made for Plymouth.

Sept. 19. 47. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. To the same effect.

Sept. 19. 48. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. Few vessels have left the
Lynn. port lately; several are fitting for Virginia and Barbadoes. The Martin galley, convoying a vessel from Plymouth, recovered an English ship that had been taken by a small French vessel.

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- Sept. 19. 49. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. An Ostend vessel has arrived,
Lynn. and on Saturday fell in with the whole Dutch fleet of 90 sail, at anchor six or seven leagues S.E. from Dunkirk; they told him they lay there waiting an opportunity to fight the English.
- Sept. 19. 50. John Pocock to James Hickes. Conjectures in reference to
Weymouth. the ships seen off Portland which caused a strict watch to be kept all night. They have been seen off Penzance, therefore supposes them to be the French fleet. The richly laden merchantmen from Plymouth have been much scattered by the storm.
- Sept. 19. 51. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news in that port.
Boston.
- Sept. 19. 52. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. Plague and poverty have left
Norwich. them not a penny in their purses to pay the weekly charge of 250*l.*; the sickness has been decreasing, but is now increasing again, and there are 30 new houses; they have to borrow 200*l.* to pay the poor on Friday, for not a penny has come in from the county. Beggars that their sad condition may be represented to Lord [Arlington].
- Sept. 19. 53. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The mortality increases in
Norwich. the lower part of the city.
- Sept. 19. 54. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. One squadron of the ships came
Walmer. not in yesterday, and those that came with the Prince sailed this morning westward; 40 Dutch ships were yesterday seen at the back of the Goodwin. Capt. Cox, commander of the Royal Sovereign, caused her running aground on the Ripraps.
- Sept. 19. 55. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The fleet has turned southward,
Dover. but when the tide turns, will tack for Ostend Bay, where the Dutch fleet lies. Beaufort has returned to Rochelle. Last night between 9 and 11 o'clock, 100 guns were heard in the Narrows, and now news is brought that the White squadron has taken a very great French ship; she lies by the side of Sir Thos. Allin, over against Folkstone. Asks whether the Customs' boat is to be at Governor Strode's command for his private letters, as Lord [Arlington's] packet may come when the boat has gone off, and thus cause more charge.
- Sept. 19. 56. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has not received the
Edwinstow. warrant for John Huntington to be master of the Adam and Eve. Particulars of timber; the charge for converting and carrying it to Stockwith will be 22*s.* per load; the carpenters refuse to work on the hoy any longer without money; only 125*l.* has been had this year, and that was already due. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 19. 57. Valuation of a boat, anchors, &c., lent to Seth Thurston, of
Yarmouth. the Mary ketch; total, 10*l.* 15*s.* 8½*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 19. 58. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Sends up Wm. Cross to
Conpill. give full particulars of timber in Herefordshire desirable for the the King's service. Hopes guns and sails are being prepared for the

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St. David ; anchors and carriages are already provided ; wants 1,000*l.* to pay for timber and iron work ; there is money now in the [Bristol] custom house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dover.

59. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has had large demands from some of the fire-ships, but only delivered a cable and two buoy ropes to the Robert. The town is in a sad condition by reason of the sickness ; several workmen have died, and there is danger in going to houses to purchase material. Complains of great want of money ; begs payment of a 200*l.* imprest bill. The fleet was yesterday in the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 19.
Woolwich.

60. Jonas Shish and Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Have surveyed the defects of the Providence ; estimate of her repairs ; total, 360*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 19.
Bristol.

61. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has taken measures to supply the boatswain and carpenter's stores of the Dartmouth ; asks whether the necessaries demanded for the Little Gift are to be procured. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 20.
Happy Return.

62. Capt. Fras. Courtenay to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to sail, but waits orders, hearing that the French fleet is on the coast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 20.
Harwich.

63. Israel Munnes to the Navy Comrs. The store ship King Solomon is damaged by a storm ; Comr. Taylor refuses help in drying her sails ; if some speedy course be not taken, they will rot and spoil. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 20.
Portsmouth.

64. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. There are 18 or 20 sail of the Straits' ships arrived, bringing news that the Duke of Beaufort has hauled up all his large ships for the winter ; it was said that 60 sail of the French fleet were in the Channel, with 10,000 men, about to land on the Isle of Wight ; hears nothing of them ; is doubtful of Scilly ; hopes they may be in a posture to defend themselves ; has sent the officers' demands by the waggon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 20.
Dover.

65. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. After the united persuasion and threats of himself, the mayor, and Mr. Wivell, the victuallers have set sail, laden with 65,200 lbs. of biscuit and 315 tuns of beer ; the whole pretence of their delay has been for want of convoy. The capture of a French man-of-war having 50 brass guns and 500 men on board is reported. The French fleet is said to be at Dieppe, having in convoy 60 sail of vessels laden with salt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 30.

66. Contents of a letter from [Scott] to Aphara [Behn]. It is said that the fire of London will compel the King to make peace and call home his fleet. The States think their letter to the King extremely civil, and full of arguments that cannot be answered except by compliance, or by a scheme which will render his juggling visible to his neighbours. De Ruyter is dead or dangerously ill, not-

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withstanding the reports of his recovery. De Witt has gone to Zealand to the fleet, to restore order, though it is said to be to welcome Beaufort, for which purpose three deputies were to be sent, but only De Witt is gone. They pretend to have found out much by Buat, who is still close prisoner. Smith, a Scotch merchant, has been taken up on suspicion, and will probably be a close prisoner as well as Dr. Macdowell. Trump has been before the Council of State; he called his accusations lies, said he would do the same things if they were to be done over again, and they parted very angry. [2 pages.]

Sept. 20. 67. Hugh Salesbury to James Hickes. On Tuesday 12 of the
Portsmouth. Straits' ships came in at St. Helen's, and are now in Cowes Road.

Sept. 20. 68. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Hopes the King's ships
Portsmouth. have been safe in the Downs during the storm. Notes of ships seen.
Hears not a word of the French fleet's coming into the Channel.

Sept. 20. 69. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The ships believed to be the
Truro. French fleet are now supposed to be the English fleet from the
Straits.

Sept. 20. 70. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Regrets the city's great loss
Truro. in the fire, and hopes King and Parliament will consider of some
way to make reparation to the whole.

Sept. 20. 71. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On the 18th the Prince,
Royal James. fearing the extremity of the weather, slipped cable and made for
the Downs, with most of the fleet; was left with 20 frigates between
Fairleigh and Dungeness, four miles from land, when, at 3 p.m., six
French ships were seen, the first of which, the Ruby, a ship of 1,000
tons, 412 men and 54 guns, came up, mistaking him for the French
general, but was not dismayed and returned his fire; fetched her
up again 10 p.m., poured in a broadside, and received one which
cost 40 men, but falling in with two other frigates, the French ship
yielded. The fleet will water and refit at St. Helen's Road. The
French general, on reaching Dieppe, received orders to sail for
Brest.

Sept. 20. 72. Wm. Freman to Williamson. Hopes the fleet is now near
Dover Castle. the French fleet, broadsides having been heard off Dungeness
from the White squadron, who have taken a large French ship.
Only one fire-ship lost her masts, and the Royal Sovereign two
anchors and cables, in the storm.

Sept. 20. 73. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. The fleet is little damaged.
Dover Castle. On Tuesday, hearing firing off Hythe Bay, sent word to the Prince
in the Downs that a squadron had engaged the French fleet. He
weighed and went westward. Capture of the French vessel Ruby
by Sir Thos. Allin. Has sent a ketch to the coast of Flanders, to
see whether the Dutch fleet be there. On Monday, 4 p.m., the
French fleet of 40 sail was standing through the Channel, but the
storm has dispersed them. Sir Thos. Teddeman has pursued and
come up with two other French vessels. [2 pages.]

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Dover.

74. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Complains of neglect in transmission of letters, which, if not remedied, intelligence must fail, though the kingdom be at stake. The French vessel taken is almost as large as the Royal Sovereign; examined one of the 100 prisoners landed, and he says she is 900 tons, and has 500 men. The Warspite and another first met her, but she behaved so gallantly that she expected to take them, when Sir Thos. Allin came up and obliged them to call for quarter. The captain says De Beaufort's fleet of 89 sail was to come into the Channel; but thinks they are dispersed by the storm. Mr. Clavell's letter compels him to come up to town; may be wronged for not appearing, unless Lord Arlington stands in the gap. Sir Thos. Allin killed and wounded 20 Frenchmen, and had six killed and 12 wounded. Asks whether to come up speedily, or wait further orders. *Encloses,*

74. I. *Walter Clavell to John Carlisle. Hopes he will come to town as speedily as possible; the lords [Prize Comrs.] begin to resent his delay: if he come not, the account will be passed as it is, and he will be returned into the Exchequer, and have a much harder task to get off than now.*
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Sept. 20.
Bridlington.

75. John Bower to James Hickes. The light colliers have gone to sea, though men-of-war have been seen daily to the northward.

Sept. 20.
Swansea.

76. John Man to Williamson. Some passengers from St. Christopher's report that the island was lost by the cowardice and indiscretion of the governor, and those in trust, and commend the French for seeking peace with the governor, which he denying, they carried the island without great slaughter. It might easily be regained, as they are afraid of the inhabitants of Nevis, if a recovery were attempted.

Sept. 20.
Swansea.

77. Jo. Man to James Hickes. Thanks for his letters and intelligence.

Sept. 20.
Holyhead.

78. Jas. Archer to [Lord Arlington]. Arrived there at 2 p.m., and would have left in the packet at 11 the same day, but was delayed at the passages of Conway and Beaumaris. Has shown his orders to the masters of two packet boats which have come in from Ireland, but they say that it does not mention their boat. Is therefore obliged to wait the arrival of to-morrow's packet. [*French.*]

Sept. 20.
Southwold.

79. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. Two vessels thought to be French capers, have come from the S. E., and anchored against the town last night, but were gone in the morning.

Sept. 20.
Penrith.

80. Geo. Williamson to [Jos. Williamson]. Has received several instructions for the management of hearth money, but some persons do not take the same interpretation of the Act, as to surveying, as he does; wishes the instructions were perused by the Parliament men for both counties now in the House, and if approved, then all

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will be satisfied. Has written to Lord Carlisle to order a meeting, and Mr. Hartlib his agent will wait on them with the instructions, to obtain their countenance, by a letter to their fellow justices, that they approve of them, and that he (the writer), may have the assistance becoming His Majesty's officer. This will put an end to all trouble, and allay the spirits of those who were his competitors. Asks Williamson to honour him by being at the meeting. Mr. Hartlib will pay for their treatment. *Encloses,*

80. I. *Information of Peter Robinson, of Bridekirk, Cumberland, before Thos. Denton, justice of peace. Being deputed by George Williamson to collect hearth money and arrears in the county, distrained John Thompson of Penrith one flagon for hearth money, being 2s. due at Lady-day for two hearths, and formerly demanded by constable Cox. Sir George Fletcher, Bart., of Hutton, justice of peace, in the open street, caused the said distress to be delivered by this deponent, without payment of the 1s. which he demanded for the charges, being a moiety of the duty, and discharged the deponent at his peril from going into or surveying any house, by virtue of any authority from the said George Williamson, saying he had no power to give such deputations.* Sept. 19, 1666.

[Sept.] 21. Warrant for a grant to Thomas Sandys, of a pension of 120*l.* a year, for his good service as page of honour to the Queen. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 101.*]

Sept. 21. 81. A. B. [Aphara Behn] to Mr. Halsall. Celadon [Scott] is
Antwerp. everjoyed with the promise of his pardon, and will serve more fully when it has arrived, for till then he fears lest he may ruin himself with both sides. He justifies himself as to his conduct to Oudart and Corney, and also as to Mr. Hill, saying that he could only save himself by being the first to carry the news to the States, as they made a public discourse of the affair. Complains of Corney as an "unsufferable, scandalous, lying, prating fellow;" not being able to find out her business, he abuses and threatens to kill Scott, and writes to everybody in Holland that Scott visits her [the writer] boasting much of his own employment, and of letters that he receives from Lord Arlington, the Lord Chamberlain, &c. He comes daily to see her talking at such a rate of his employments, the ladies at Court, &c., that she has hardly patience to hear his rhodomontade. Begs for letters and money; is almost out of her wits at not hearing from him, and Mr. Scott thinks much of it. He is so fearful that he will not let his own handwriting go. [4 pages.] *Encloses,*

81. I. *Memorial for Astrea (Mrs. Aphara), being a series of questions and instructions for Mr. S[cott], to which the following paper contains replies, &c. [2 pages.]*

81. II. *Celadon (Scott's) answer to Astrea (Aphara Behn's) instructions. He has long since resolved both in interest and conscience to serve the King as his lawful sovereign, whose pardon he earnestly begs. He thinks the Hollanders'*

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loss was 13 men-of-war, but their printed narration was nearly true. In the last engagement they lost five; they really intended landing about Harwich. San Raven, who was in their fleet, assuring them of a considerable appearance to favour their descent. The fleet is ready for sea, but in too mutinous a condition to venture out, for a general disaffection has arisen on the cashiering of Trump, though he may go where he pleases, except to Amsterdam. De Witt has gone down to compose differences. Col. De Gent, nephew to the Prince of Orange's governor, is appointed to succeed Trump, but the sailing is uncertain. Nothing is known of a junction with the French fleet. They pretend no design to land in England, but are really eager after such a thing, if they can gain the help of the fanatics. Bampfield manages the correspondence in England and Scotland, and employs Wright and Sands Temple; the latter engaged, if he could get the command of a ship, to bring it over, and draw others with him, and the Pensioner promised him a reward and the command of a company. Hill, late a minister at Leyden, has been sent over; he will hold intercourse with Calamy, Jenkins, and others of that persuasion. Jane Holmes, by the Duchy House in the Strand, corresponds with Bampfield. Does not think that Ludlow, living in or near Boston, corresponds with Bampfield. None of the Scots nor English are in action, except Raven and Bampfield; the latter has screwed himself into the young Prince of Orange's favour. Dollman is discontent that Bampfield is more esteemed than himself. Col. Sydney and White are together, the former preparing for press a tract in defence of a republic and against monarchy. Knows nothing as yet of the [Dutch] East India fleet, but will obtain news on visiting Amsterdam. [5 pages.]

Sept. 21. 82. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Several ships have come in, but
Pembroke. bring no news of the fleets nor of men-of-war at sea.

Sept. 21. 83. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. The post who used to come
Pembroke. first to Pembroke now goes to many gentlemen in the country, and instead of arriving at 8 a.m., does not come till 2 or 3 p.m., and sometimes not at all that day. In going out, he sleeps at some gentleman's house the first night. Wants two Gazettes each post.

Sept. 21. 84. P. Manaton to James Hicke. Asks if any passes are to be
Barnstaple granted for vessels to pass beyond seas, out of the King's dominions
Custom House. in Europe.

Sept. 21. 85. Rich. Forster to Williamson. In Burlington Road are 200
Newcastle. sail of light colliers coming northward. The Colchester and Drake have come in with a fly boat prize. A report of 60 sail seen at sea, with four men-of-war making to the land, is supposed false.

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Sept. 21. 86. Hen. Savile to Sir Thos. Clifford. They were alarmed in the
 Royal Charles, sailing into
 Portsmouth. Downs on Wednesday, and thought that Sir Thos. Allin, who had
 stayed behind at Dungeness, was engaging the French fleet. He had
 taken the Ruby, a French frigate, with 40 brass and 14 iron guns and
 440 men, which had got separated in the storm from De Beaufort's fleet,
 and came up to Sir Thomas, thinking him a friend. The Foresight
 and Adventure attacked her, but she yielded to the Royal James,
 after a quarter of an hour's sharp contest, in which Sir Thos. Allin had
 38 killed and wounded, but the captain of the Foresight first sent
 his boat and took 600 pistoles and other things of value from her.
 M. de la Roche, the captain, is prisoner in the Victory. On Wed-
 nesday afternoon, returned to Dungeness to look after anchors and
 cables, but though all the buoys were there, few were taken up,
 because of the wind. Intended to go to St. Helen's Point, but this
 morning it is discovered that the French fleet is not far off, and
 they must be looked after. Is now going with a stiff gale south
 by east to Portsmouth. [3 pages.]

Sept. 21. 87. Prince Rupert to the King. The violent and inconstant
 Royal Charles. weather and uncertain intelligence have made him change course
 and counsels oftener than ordinary. Thought from the French
 Capt. De la Roche, taken on Tuesday, and from the scouts, that their
 fleet was retired to Brest, but now hears that 14 sail are very near,
 and may endeavour a conjunction with the Dutch. Is in St. Helen's
 Bay; cannot get out because of the hazy weather, nor learn any
 certainty of the French. A fleet of more than 20 rich merchant
 ships came into Cowes from the Straits and elsewhere; will give
 them all possible protection. Hopes soon to be at Longsand Head,
 and there to receive His Majesty's commands, whether to stay
 abroad or return home.

Sept. 21. 88. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. The fleet is in as good a
 Royal Charles. condition as can be expected, after being so long abroad, and so
 engaged with enemies and worse weather. Fears they will not
 meet with either Dutch or French before they return.

Sept. 21. 89. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Several vessels have been driven
 Plymouth. in by the storm. The Dutch fleet is said to be gone northward, and
 the English fleet of 96 sail is off Dungeness. Four French men-
 of-war hailed an Ostender off the Isle of Wight, and asked if he had
 seen their fleet. He answered in the negative, when they stood for
 their own coast, whence the French fleet is thought to be dispersed
 by the storm.

Sept. 21. 90. John Clarke to James Hickes. The fleet that left on Monday
 Plymouth. is dispersed by the storm, and five have been driven back again;
 two are at Torbay.

Sept. 21. 91. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect. The French
 Plymouth. fleet is believed to have passed eastward.

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Sept. 21. 92. Earl of Bath to Williamson. Thanks for the weekly occur-
Plymouth. rences. Will obey Lord Arlington's instructions, and stay there till
all alarm is over concerning the French fleet. Sends despatches to
be forwarded on the King's service.

Sept. 21. 93. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. A hospital ship has brought 12
Walmer. sick men to Deal. Thanks for the Gazettes. The fire-ship that had
lost her masts is sailing for the river.

Sept. 21. 94. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Asks whether to come up for
Dover. fear of being brought into the Exchequer for non-appearance, or to
stay till the fight is over for fear of offending the Lords Commis-
sioners. The French ship taken by Sir Thos. Allin is in the roads.
She was never at sea before, but she carried the King of Portugal's
Queen from France. A trooper brought a packet for the govenor,
who dispatched a vessel with it to the fleet. The Dutch are said
to be on the back side of the Yarmouth Sands, and their busses
fishing; 41 are dead of the plague this week, decrease 10.

Sept. 21. 95. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A galliot hoy prize has been
Whitby. brought in by the Drake, a new vessel, which was worth 300*l.*, but
has little of her lading left except pan-tiles, cabbage, &c., and will
soon be dismantled of all her rigging, till she will not have a rope's
end left to hang herself, or the thievish seamen that go in her. Is
perplexed to see such vile abuses.

Sept. 21. 96. Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London to Williamson.
In answer to his commands for the removal of the family infected by
the Custom House, has expressly ordered the house to be shut up
and guarded, and the persons removed to the pest-house, or some
other house out of town, at the parish charge, if they are not able
to maintain themselves.

Sept. 21. 97. Lord Arlington to the Speaker [of the House of Commons].
Afternoon, The King having agreed for his speech to be printed, requests him
Whitehall. to send it. With reply from Sir Edw. Turner, speaker, that he
sends it enclosed in his lordship's own box.

[Sept. 21.] 98. The King's speech to the Houses of Parliament. Represents
the misfortunes caused by the late fire, the two powerful enemies
with whom he has to contend, and the immense expense of the war,
which he has had to meet by anticipating his own revenue. Thanks
them for past supplies, and leaves it to them to find means for
carrying on the war. [3 pages, holograph, printed in *Lords'*
Journals, Vol. *xii.*, p. 4.]

Sept. 21. 99. Copy of the above. [*Printed*, 2 pages.]

[Sept. 21.] 100. [Advices received], being notes from letters calendared
above, and from one from Brussels, Sept. $\frac{14}{24}$, recording the siege of
Bremen by the Swedes.

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- Sept. 21. 101. Report by John Tooker of the condition of 16 ships now in the river in the King's service, with proposals for improving the victualling service, by the employment of larger contract ships. [*Adm. Paper*, 2½ pages.]
- Sept. 21. 102. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Approves Capt. Pyne's
St. James's. proposal to have the men discharged by ticket; has heard nothing of the state of the ship; supposes Mr. Castell is entrusted with her. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses*,
102. I. *Capt. Val. Pyne to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has sent men to Prince Rupert, under conduct of Mr. Anderton; 14 or 15 sail of the enemy have passed, exchanging shot as long as they could see; a great deal of trouble and expense may be saved by sending down tickets for the discharge of his sick and unserviceable men.*
The St. Andrew, Rye, Sept. 18, 1666.
- Sept. 22. 103. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Foresight and great
Dover. French prize lie between Folkestone and Dungeness, much disabled; has sent out sundry stores to them, and the long boat laden with water, the captain complaining that he had no drink for the men but wine; the Katherine yacht is come in to tallow. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 22. 104. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. A ship is ready at
Whitehall. Plymouth to take letters for Spain and Portugal. Phil. Howard and Mr. Vaughan, now in the fleet, are Parliament men; the latter, being son-in-law to Sir Thos. Tomkins, may "do some good with him, who is the likeliest man to start what others will not say at the first, but reserve themselves to justify afterwards." Wishes letters might be sent to the Downs and Portsmouth for them.
- Sept. 22. 105. John Watts to Sir Herbert Price. The auditor intends to
Deal. tell Lord Arlington that there are several grants of the same house before this, but the woman will be put in immediately, if his lordship will write word that he wishes her to have it.
- Sept. 22. 106. J. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The Presbyterians and
Bristol. fanatics look a little starched, and will have it the judgment of the fire at London is for the sins of others not so holy as themselves. Arrival of vessels.
- Sept. 22. 107. John Pocock to James Hickes. Wants to hear of the receipt
Weymouth. of his letters.
- Sept. 22. 108. John Pocock to Williamson. Thanks for his information
Weymouth. that the fleet is in the Channel; hears nothing of it, but will send out a boat. Wants Lord Arlington's order to the postmaster, to send up expresses when required. On the 19th, a fleet of 30 sail, judged to be the English fleet, stood in between the isles of Portland and Wight, and went directly up the Channel. A Hamburger reports that on Aug 31st, he left the French fleet of 38 sail at

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Rochelle; that the ships wanted cleaning, and there was no talk of De Beaufort's stirring, but it was thought he will haul up at Brest for the winter, so that it cannot be the French fleet that is in those seas. A fleet of 25 small Hamburgers and Ostenders has just passed westward of Portland. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 22.
West Cowes.

109. John Lysle to Williamson. The master of the Rose of Havre de Grace, a prize taken by the Deptford ketch, reports that Beaufort was off Portland on Monday, his fleet divided into squadrons some distance from each other, but he thinks that they were beaten into Dieppe by Tuesday's storm. Yesterday the English fleet arrived at Spithead and St. Helen's Road, and has this morning sailed eastward, followed to the Downs by 16 Straits' vessels, and the fleet arrived from Portugal, 30 sail in all. Hears that the Dutch fleet rides off Dunkirk, and Beaufort is supposed to be with them. Fears some miscarriage in the post, hearing no tidings from Williamson.

Sept. 22.
York.

110. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. The coast is much infested. A French man-of-war chased a hoy that had been prize to the Drake; she came into harbour, and was there secured by the trained bands. Last night 10 robbers on horseback attempted Alderman Brook's house at Ellinthorp, 12 miles from York, but the courage of the alderman and his servants prevented them; they fired several shots, and rang his chapel bell, which alarmed the neighbouring villages, who came to his assistance, and put the robbers to flight.

Sept. 22.
Newborough.

111. Lord Fauconberg to Williamson. Will not trouble him to write further, intending to be in London next week.

Sept. 22.
Southwold.

112. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. An alarm was given because a small fleet of light colliers meeting 20 or more laden ones, three or four guns were fired, on which the horsemen quartered in the town mounted at once, and the townsmen were ready to assist them.

Sept. 22.
Newcastle.

113. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The light coal fleet has reached Newcastle and Sunderland, with two convoys; a small ketch in their company is reported to be taken. Wishes a better convoy for a great laden coal fleet that will soon be ready, as several Holland men-of-war are on the coast.

Sept. 22.
Newcastle.

114. List of nine ships cleared at Newcastle during the past week.

Sept. 22.
Appleby.

115. Geo. Williamson to Jos. Williamson. His man has gone on to Morpeth with Lord Carlisle's letters [*in favour of J. Williamson's election as burgess of Morpeth*]; will go home to prepare and meet the man at Appleby on Monday; hopes there will be no opposition; will use all dispatch with the sheriff to make haste, and his purse shall not be wanting,

Sept. 22.
Walmer.

116. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Has been on board the Foresight that took the great French prize, the best ship in France

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and a vice-admiral. The captain was a Maltese, and the gunner an Englishman. Several vessels are seen about the Goodwin. The distemper is hot at Dover and Sandwich, and encreases at Deal as the people return home. Mr. Carlisle allows the officers to carry the writer's letters to the next post house, but John Slodden, deputy for Walmer, will not do it without Williamson's warrant, *Encloses,*

116. I. *John Fancock, [lieutenant of the Foresight,] to Ri. Watts, Walmer Castle. On the 18th, fell in with M. de la Roche's man-of-war, and after exchanging shots, fell astern to clear the ship, returned and after exchanging broadsides 1½ hours then fell astern to fit the torn rigging; then fired great guns and granadoes 2 hours, when both anchored, shooting as fast as they could, till the French were obliged to call for quarter; went on board by order of his captain, and found 54 pieces of ordnance.*

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Sept. 22. 117. Wm. Symons to James Hickes. Thanks for his letters and
Bridgewater. those of Mr. Francis.

Sept. 22. 118. John Bower to James Hickes. The light colliers have sailed
Bridlington. for Tynemouth; many Holland capers are on the coast, and the country, having no soldiers to guard it, is in daily fear. A company from Hull garrison to quarter there for the winter would tend much to their safety.

Sept. 22. 119. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The mayor, Rob. Bloome,
Hull. has left the town and gone to Scotland, without consent of the bench of aldermen, which is ill resented, and especially in these times, the like never having been done by any mayor before; he has been absent five weeks; Lord Arlington should know this, for it would cause great confusion if anything should happen in his absence.

Sept. 23. 120. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A ship with English
Hull. colours nearly took a Dutch collier, but it escaped after many shots. There is a report of some people being clapped up at Leeds.

Sept. 23. 121. John Clarke to James Hickes. Has not a word of news.
Plymouth.

Sept. 23. 122. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Has no news.
Falmouth.

Sept. 23. 123. Hugh Salisbury to Williamson. The Prince and most of
Portsmouth. the fleet from St. Helen's Road are under sail, bound for the Downs. The Prince sent for all the Straits' ships from Cowes, which are rich ships, and they have joined the fleet. Sir Thos. Allin took a great French ship, and Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, who had charge of her, found long after she was taken, 150 men with arms hidden in her, who would have done mischief if not discovered; she had at first 700 men. The London has come into the fleet somewhat shattered, having met two French men-of-war which fought stoutly; they have double the number of men that English ships have.

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Sept. 23.
Portsmouth.

124. A. Newport to Williamson. Was sent out of town so suddenly by the Duke that he could not take leave of Lord Arlington, but will send him tidings, as ordered in summer. The Prince came to St. Helen's with the fleet on Thursday, and is sailing this morning. The Sovereign has come into harbour.

Sept. 23.
Dover.

125. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The south-west wind will not let the Hollanders go westward, but 30 sail of them were seen last night behind the Goodwin; 17 of the Foresight's men, wounded in the fight with the Ruby, are brought in. It was the Foresight that boarded the Ruby, as appeared when she sailed into the Downs with the French colours under her bow. It is reported in Ostend that the English have beaten the French, and that the Hollanders are not sorry for it. Several victuallers cannot get to the fleet for the wind. Will look after the young man Lodge.

Sept. 23.
Sunderland.

126. Ben. Francis to Williamson. A fleet of 150 ships has arrived from the south, with two convoys. A Holland man-of-war sailed several times into the midst of the fleet, but was chased away. The Drake and Colchester have brought into Tynemouth a prize laden with soap, brandy, bone-lace, &c., and also a pretended Swede. Complains of the Newcastle postmaster, who detained his last letter four days.

Sept. 23.
Scarborough
Castle.

127. Pe. Hawkins to Williamson. Capt. Thursdon of the Mary has arrived with despatches for the Gottenburg fleet, but hears nothing of them, and dares not go further northwards, three Dutch privateers being in sight; he wishes Sir Wm. Coventry to be informed of this.

Sept. 23.
Maybolt,
Sheerness.

128. Henry Dunster to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived from Harwich, by order of Comr. John Taylor, with 66 tuns of beer and 2,000 of billet wood; waits further orders.

Sept. 23.
Portsmouth.

129. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. The fleet rides about St. Helen's Bay. The Royal Sovereign has been aground between the point and the dock. Particulars of pork in store. The materials and workmen for repairing the brewhouse have arrived. Has seized 32 bushels of peas found in possession of James Whiston, purser of the Loyal Merchant; asks how to dispose of them. Note of the issues of victuals since his last letter. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Sept. 23.
Portsmouth.

130. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The fleet is again at Portsmouth, with many anchors and cables lost; has supplied all that are in store. Begs seasonable aid, or that no more ships may be sent in; is as much in want of men as materials. The bottom of the tar kettle is burnt out, but there is no one to mend it; a new bottom provided in London was, in the common calamity, burnt and melted. The Royal Sovereign is in port for repairs; she will give more trouble than ten fourth-rate ships. Asks whether the sails for Plymouth shall be sent without convoy. Proposes turning

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the Slothany into a hulk ; she is fit for nothing else, for when all is done that can be done upon her, she will be but an "old rotten heavy Flemish jade." Most of the fleet is under sail. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.]

Sept. 24.
The Charles
fire-ship.

131. Capt. John Johnson to Sir Wm. Coventry. The ship is much disabled in the last engagement with the Dutch ; lies wind-bound in the Gore, waiting opportunity to sail for Deptford. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 24.
Dover.

132. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The victuallers have returned, not being able to find the fleet ; they will not venture to sea without convoy. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 24.
The
Happy Return,
Rye.

133. Capt. Fras. Courtenay to the Navy Comrs. Will obey their commands and not stir out of harbour without orders or the convenience of a convoy. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 24.
Pendennis.

134. Fras. Bellott to Williamsom. The country is quiet, but ready in 24 hours to show their loyalty, and greatly resenting the sad firing of the metropolis.

Sept. 24.
Pembroke.

135. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Capt. George Liddell of the Roebuck, who has brought several merchant ships from Ireland to Minehead, reports that a Flushinger and a Frenchman have taken several vessels between Waterford and Youghall. One of the two fired a distress gun off Youghal, when the town sent a boat full of men to help them ; they stripped the men all naked, and laughing at them, sent them on shore again ; had they not been so hasty, they would have taken some Youghal merchants, who were going on board to buy commodities, but meeting the naked men, hastened back to shore. Two vessels from Pembroke, laden with tops and cinders from the Forest of Dean for Ireland, have been taken. Capt. Liddell reports 27 Straits' merchantmen in Kinsale, with three convoys to bring them to London. He takes back several merchantmen for Ireland.

Sept. 24.

136. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Sept. 24.

137. Bryan Magill to Lord Arlington. Begs his enlargement ; is unjustly detained in prison, very hardly used, and lodged on the bare ground.

Sept. 24.
Truro.

138. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has no news worth notice.

Sept. 24.
Truro.

139. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Is sorry for his trouble in settling his office and family ; hopes it will not be long, and then begs his constant correspondence.

Sept. 24.
Swansea.

140. John Man to Williamson. A Topsham vessel from Lisbon reports that she, with 10 English ships, was kept in harbour several months, by M. De Beaufort's fleet, and then with that which came with the Queen of Portugal ; De Beaufort was much troubled

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because the English sometimes rode near his fleet, with colours and flags up. De Beaufort, on his first arrival, went ashore and to the King's palace, without giving notice; at his entry into the presence chamber, the King rose and saluted him, and then sat down, and Beaufort, finding another chair, sat down likewise. After awhile, the King, without much speaking, rose again; the Duke rose also, and some of the nobles took away his chair, so that when the King sat down, he could not do the same, on which he left in a passion, and did not come ashore for a week. The King of Portugal furnished the French fleet with a very great quantity of bread from his stores.

Sept. 24. 141. John Pocock to James Hickes. The cross wind brought
Weymouth. into Weymouth 18 sail of Ostenders, which were off Portland, and which are bound for Bordeaux and Rochelle. They came with the English fleet from the Downs to the Isle of Wight.

Sept. 24. 142. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The coast being clear of
Lyme. French and Dutch, the vessels are encouraged to go along the shore. Many men come in daily from the fleet; supposes the season of the year admits it.

Sept. 24. 143. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There are great hopes of
Norwich. decrease in the [mortality] bills this week. The country is pretty free in bringing in charitable contributions for the afflicted poor.

Sept. 24. 144. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Thanks for his noble present
Rushton. of wine. Will send his writing to Sir John Harper, who will be very grateful. After the late desolation in London, great controversies about property must arise, and some court or commission be settled by Parliament to give satisfaction, with proper ministers and officers as clerks. Begs employment for a particular friend as a considerable clerk.

Sept. 24. 145. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. About 80 Dutch sail have been
Dover. seen near Dunkirk. The privateer belonging to the Duke of Lenox and the Governor of Dover has taken a rich prize of 160 tons, laden with currants and oil from Zante. The English fleet was before the Isle of Wight, but there is no news of the French.

Sept. 24. 146. Jo. D[allett] to Williamson. The fleet of 60 sail passing at
Rye. 4 p.m., sent the packet to the Prince by one of 6 ketches which joined it from Rye.

Sept. 24. 147. R. Blayney to Williamson. Wants another warrant for
Exeter House. 100*l.* to Capt. Thomas, the former being mislaid in the removal of the papers.

Sept. 24. 148. Receipts by Wm. Haggett, intelligencer, by order of Sir
Hen. Bennet Lord Arlington, and Sir Phil. Musgrave, of 9 sums of 20*l.*, between July 4, 1664, and May 15, 1666. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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- Sept. 24. Warrant to the Commissioners for the sick and wounded to discharge Lawrence Harnense, of Rotterdam, now prisoner at Exeter, and all the seamen taken in the ship Prince of Denmark, whereof he was master. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 245.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant for John Tyrell, of Swingfield, son and heir of Sir John Tyrell, of Heron, co. Essex, to be a baronet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 245.*]
- Sept. 24. 149. Warrant to Alderman John Bence and Maurice Thompson
Whitehall. to deliver to Lord Arlington all books and papers belonging to the late Committee of Adventurers for additional forces to sea, of which they were members.
- Sept. 24. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 245.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant to Edward Capper to go to York and apprehend —
Mauberry. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 245.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the prize
Icehill to Sir Thomas Allin, as the King's free gift. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 246.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for the port of Plymouth
to deliver up the Prince William of Denmark to be sent into the Thames, and to allow Lawrence Harnense, the master, to come on board of her for the said voyage. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 246.*]
- Sept. 24. Licence to Mr. Blunt to transport to Guernsey and Jersey 50
bags of wool. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 247.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver to John
Barcroft for Col. Jo. Atkins, commissioner of the island of Guernsey, a prize called Notre Dame de Mont Carmel, as the King's free gift. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 247.*]
- Sept. 24. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle to admit and swear in
Christopher Roper as page of honor to the Queen on surrender of Thos. Sandys. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 248.*]
- Sept. 24. The King to Sir George Carteret. Before the confederacy with
the Bishop of Munster was publicly known, several privy seals were drawn out of payments to him (Carteret) of 142,000*l.*, and again 136,500*l.*, from which he was privately instructed to pay to the said bishop 27,357*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*, but the remainder was not paid, the confederacy being suddenly broken off. He is to produce the vouchers for the said sums of money paid to the bishop, and the auditors are to allow them as for the Dutch war. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 204.*]
- Sept. 24. 150. Pass from Lord Arlington for Mons. Eubaldini to go beyond
Whitehall. seas.
- Sept. 24. 151. Dr. R. Yerbury to [Williamson]. Thanks for his letter,
Venice. but is not vain enough to pretend to be a man of business, being idler than ever. Hen. Howard has gone for Milan and Paris, but

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returns with his sons to winter in Venice, and hopes to be made ambassador to the Republic. Intends to winter in Rome or Geneva, and be content with a sight of the Empress in Lombardy, Vienna being beyond his commission. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages.]

Sept. 24. 152. Prince Rupert to the King. Was obliged to leave the
Royal Charles. Royal Sovereign behind in St. Helen's Road. Ordered 525 men out of her to replenish other of the greater ships, but Capt. Cox said he might be in danger of being lost if his men were taken away before he reached his appointed station. Thinks this strange when he might have the whole garrison and dock to assist him. May yet meet with the enemy, and dares not take as many men from the merchant ships, which are of great value and but tolerably manned, as the Royal Sovereign would afford. Fears want of men, many being sick through short allowances. Is off Beachy Head, and begs that the provision ships may be ordered to the Downs.

Sept. 24. 153. Petition of Teunis Willemsen, of Rotterdam, master and owner of the Blackamoor of Rotterdam, to the King. Has come over to transport the body of Vice-Admiral Sir William Berkeley, but hearing what great need there is of deal boards for rebuilding houses, offers, if he may have a free pass, to fetch and deliver such as are ordered, for as long as shall be thought fit, in his ship the Blackamoor, with 16 mariners.

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Sept. 25. 1. Petition of Abraham Desmitt, late public notary of Middleburg, Zealand, to the King. Has embraced His Majesty's offer in his declaration against the French King, and being sent for by London merchants, has come over to supply their want of a foreign notary. Begs that having placed himself under the King's protection and left his former employment, he may be made a free denizen.

Sept. 25. 2. Statement by Jo. Troutbeck, M.D., principal surgeon in ordinary, that in October, 1659, leaving his estate in Lambert's quarters, he joined General Monk in Scotland, on hearing that he would restore the people to their liberties of Parliament; on the disbanding of the army, was made principal surgeon in ordinary, in consideration of 2,000*l.* of lands then lost, and has served six years, but had no benefit from his place, being unable to procure the passing of his warrant. With note 12 August, 1661, of three patents passed for 150*l.* each a year to three principal surgeons, and another for 80*l.*

Sept. 25. 3. A. B. [Aphara Behn] to Halsall. Has just heard from Holland that De Ruyter is sick, if not dead, of an imposthume, probably the plague; that Banckaert and many others are ill; that Blackgrave and Wogan are gone to Utrecht, where something may be hatched, but

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for want of money [Scott] cannot go to them there; that John Lodge's servant has gone for England and may carry letters; he was with the quaker before he left, but he will not know anything, as he is neither a quaker nor a fanatic. The plague is very much in the [Dutch] fleet, which might be easily beaten. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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Oct. 5.

Rotterdam.

4. Contents of a letter from [Scott to Aphara Behn]. De Ruyter has gone for Amsterdam, so ill that it is thought he will die. The French fleet has returned to Brest. The Dutch boast that the English are gone in, and durst not engage them. They scorn the letter that Kevit has sent, and have noted him a traitor. The fanatics conclude that, as the post has not come in, there are troubles in England, but they can do nothing till Col. Sydney's return, in 10 days. A watch should be kept on Mr. Cockaine, formerly Whitelock's chaplain; he corresponds with Lockier, the minister, now privately at Rotterdam. Cannot join Doleman and the fanatic English at Utrecht, for want of money. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Sept. 25.

Northwood Hall,
near Wem,
Shropshire.

5. Thos. Broomhall to Williamson. Is not unmindful of their business, though in the country, but will come up on summons when requisite. Hopes he will not let the impatience of others push him on too fast. Asks any news occurring. Sends his service to Sir Ant. Desmarces and Mr. Badeley.

Sept. 25.

10 A.M.
Dover Castle.

6. Wm. Freman to Williamson. The governor has gone to Winchelsea with Mr. Brunckard and Mr. May, and will be in London on Friday. The Prince, with 80 sail, is within three leagues of the castle, intending for the Downs; has sent to tell him that the Dutch fleet lies near Ostend; if he makes towards them, he may be with them before night, having a fair gale of wind.

Sept. 25.

Hull.

7. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Five Holland men-of-war forced into Burlington pier three light colliers, and a ketch going with a packet of letters for the Gottenburg fleet, whose pilot, pressed from Yarmouth, has run away. They attempted to come ashore with their boats all full of armed men, but the country came in so fast upon them that they were beaten off and retreated. Sends service to Sir Edw. Walker, Sir Edw. Nicholas, and all his family.

Sept. 25.

Aldborough.

8. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Thanks for his remembrance of him for the deputation of the Prize Office. It must be done by a resident of the town, as many prizes come into the harbour and nobody to take care of them; six weeks ago, a Danish prize was ordered to be delivered by Capt. Elliot to the Prize Officers, but finding none, he delivered what he pleased to the bailiffs, and sold what he liked. Knows of 3,000 deals and other things embezzled; a gentleman who brought an order from the Duke of Albemarle for their delivery will find a bad account of them. Capt. Elliot, who brought in a small vessel, uses it to carry butter, cheese, &c. Light colliers have passed, and 100 fishers with two convoys have sailed from Yarmouth Roads.

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Huntingdon.

9. T. Povey to Williamson. Having made a swift journey to Newmarket, between two and six on Wednesday, found the Countess of Thomond's son arrived from Ireland, the very same man he was ; visited Euston, dispatched business at Burwell, being well entertained by his lordship and persons in the neighbourhood, and is now soliciting his lawyers, and preparing for a hearing before commissioners. Was received at Hinchinbrook by the Countess' musical daughters, and his lordship's son, and hunted hares. Is tempted by the fine weather to see Billing, and his friend Sir Clement Fisher in Warwickshire.

Sept. 25.
Plymouth.

10. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Two Nieuport ships report that they met the English fleet near the Isle of Wight, and that the Dutch fleet has returned home.

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Plymouth.

11. John Clarke to James Hickes. Account of vessels in port. The merchants wonder that they have no news of the Lisbon and Scanderoon ships that left Plymouth the day before the storm.

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12. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Sept. 25.
Dover.

13. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. At 4 a.m., the Straits' fleet sailed into the Downs, and at six the whole fleet sailed eastward ; followed it with packets for Prince Rupert and Sir Jer. Smith, and delivered them midway between Dover and Calais. They are bound for the Gunfleet, unless they meet the Dutch, who are now, as some say, in Southwold, others between Weelings and Blankenborn ; the French are supposed to be at Brest or gone home. The fleet wants beer ; the victuallers from Dover and Rye have sailed to the fleet. The governor is gone to Rumney to swear Mr. Brunker a baron [of the Cinque Ports], and to Winchelsea, to make Hab. May a Parliament man there.

Sept. 25.
Newcastle.

14. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The colliers already laden, with their convoy, are detained by south winds. The prize named before is a Dane, laden with cabbage and such like trash, but believes that goods of better value are on board.

Sept. 25.
Downs.

15. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Capt. John Butler of the West Friesland has brought in a pretended prize from Amsterdam. The fleet has passed eastward at the back of the Goodwin. Sends up a ship on which he was kept two days prisoner, lawfully seizing eight hogsheads of wine.

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16. Memoranda from the Journals of the House of Commons of the proceedings of the House, Sept. 1 to Sept. 25. [3 pages. See *Commons' Journals*, Vol. viii., pp. 625–627.]

Sept. 25.
Portsmouth.

17. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Returns his letters, the fleet having sailed. With postscript that he has sent the letters to the Prince by Capt. Ball of the Success, whom the Prince sent in to carry away seamen from the Sovereign to man the fleet. The Orange has taken a French wine and brandy prize, and brought her to the Prize Officers at Cowes.

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Portsmouth. 18. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is glad the Parliament is set; doubtless they will give seasonable supplies to the King in this great time of action. Asks the Duke's pleasure about the Slothany. Will send the oars in the Crown Malaga. Mr. Silvester undertakes to mend the broken anchors, now that Gosport is in health. Particulars of ships needing repairs. "These small rivulets drain the main spring every day." Will endeavour to examine the officers' expenses of any ships sent in from the fleet, but too many of the captains connive with them, especially those who "know not what a knave-line means in a ship, nor the use of it." Is obliged to see many things that cannot be remedied. "God send money. All things needful that the country affords may be had with it, but without, it is a hard matter to get a penny loaf." Shall be glad when the workmen have liberty to possess their own houses. Did not complain of general defects in the sails, but of large holes as big as a man's head, which must be principally the boatswain's fault, although if the captain understood reason, he would not allow such things. "Men do not lay these things to heart now as they once did." The plague is still in the town. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 pages.]
- Sept. 25.
Dover. 19. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The fleet is reported to have sailed to the Gunfleet. The Dutch are between Sole Bay and Dunkirk. The victuallers have not yet met with the fleet; some of them are windbound at Rye, others are sent to the Buoy of the Nore; want of convoy and bad weather must prove their excuse. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Sept. 25.
Dover. 20. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has furnished the Ruby prize with a topsail and other things. The Henrietta yacht could not stay to be tallowed. The fleet has gone northwards. The Dutch are off the North Foreland. Begg payment of a bill of imprest for 200*l*. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Sept. 26.
Bristol. 21. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has bespoken the supplies ordered for the Little Gift, and provided a cable for the Dartmouth. The cordage supplied to small ships is generally very rotten and bad, though delivered at the highest rates; had experience of it on board the St. Patrick. Has disbursed nearly 400*l*.; begs speedy repayment. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Sept. 26.
The St. Andrew,
Rye Harbour. 22. Capt. Val. Pyne to the Navy Comrs. The Sub-commissioners for sick and wounded have given orders for transporting those on board to Folkstone. The poor St. Andrew is ready to sink in the harbour. None of the company are inclined to adventure themselves about in her; they have carried their goods ashore, and to prevent danger, have motioned to have her brought into shallow water. It will cost more to repair her than her hull is worth. She would turn to good account as a graving place, storehouse, or dock. Desires 200 tickets to discharge all unserviceable persons. [*Adm. Paper*.]
Encloses,
22. 1. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Has surveyed the *Happy Return* and *St. Andrew*. The former is ready to sail; the latter is not in a repairable condition. Sept. 24, 1666.

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[Sept. 26.] 23. Proclamation postponing till further orders the fair usually held
[Whitehall]. near Gravesend, on Oct. 13, for fear of spreading the plague, which
is already far dispersed in many parts of the kingdom. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ sheets.]

Sept. 26. Copy of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 233.*]

Sept. 26. 24. Sir Fras. Cobb, high sheriff of Yorkshire, to Sir Geoffry
Shakerley, governor of Chester Castle. Encloses an order for him
to receive Thos. Hardcastle, and begs a discharge for him. Treated
Hardcastle very civilly till he broke his parole. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 26. 25. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. No news of the Dutch or French
Dover. fleet, and it is uncertain where the English fleet is; has sent the
shallop to find it, and ordered the master to send news from the
first port he makes. Will have daily or hourly news sent whilst the
fleet is that way. Guns were heard from Rochester, but they could
not be the fleet.

[Sept. 26.] 26. Names of the Commissioners for taking the accounts of the
Royal aid of 2,477,500*l.*, the supply of 1,250,000*l.*, and the 70,000*l.*
yearly for three years for the militia. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages, with additions by
Lord Clarendon.]

Sept. 26. 27. Sam. Hartlib to Williamson. The farmers of the hearth
Hearth Office. money request an order to Mr. Newcomb, for insertion of an adver-
tisement in the Thursday's Gazette. Will try to serve Williamson's
brother, having received a packet from him. *Annexing,*

27. I. *Account of the hearth money due in Leath ward [Cumber-
land.] [Book of 68 pages.] 29th Sept. 1666.*

27. II.-V. *Names of persons in arrears for their hearth money,
who had not anything to levy upon, for the year 1666,
being impoverished by the war, viz. :—In Allendall
ward, arrears 22*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* (pp. 2); Cumberland ward,
20*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* (pp. 2); Ershdale (Eskdale) ward, 7*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*;
Kendal barony, 6*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.**

27. VI.-VIII. *List of persons who have given in undue certificates
for hearths :—Cumberland ward, 60; Eskdale ward, 194
(pp. 3); Leath ward, 585 (pp. 7).*

27. IX. *List of increase and decrease of hearths in the several
parishes of Leathward ward, Cumberland. [10 pages.]*

Sept. 26. 28. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Nonsuch left the fleet in
Weymouth. very good condition. On the 23rd they were 12 leagues from the
Isle of Wight.

[Sept. 26.] 29. Mark Scott to Williamson. Scotland so abounds with prizes,
Berwick. that Edinburgh and Leith can scarce find cellars to put the prize
wine and brandy in. Four Hollanders have been brought in this
week, and another is in the Frith. All are well affected, and the
people ready to assist with life and fortune against the French and
Dutch, who so glory in that stroke given to the city of London. A
strange fish has been caught in the river [Tweed], 3 yards long, his

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liver weighing 1 stone 6 pounds; his heart adjoining the hind part of his head, and with 3 rows of sharp teeth, both below and above. Asks directions about Napier, a suspicious person imprisoned in the garrison three months ago.

Sept. 26. 30. Ed. Sidenham to Williamson. Lady Cranborne wishes a
Hatfield. letter sent to her lord, who is on board the Royal Charles.

Sept. 26. 31. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. Sends letters brought by
Pembroke. Fras. Gould, an Irish merchant, from Sir Rob. Southwell, envoy at Portugal. *Inserting,*

31. 1. *Sir Rob. Southwell to Fras Gould. Begs him to inform any of the King's frigates he may meet with in his passage to England, that on 10 August last, seven Dutch East India ships, richly laden, came to Madeira, and there remain, some say till the end of September, some till a convoy comes for them. This news should be sent with all speed to Lord Arlington or Sir Wm. Coventry.*

Sept. 26. 32. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Sept. 26. 33. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. A Hamburger laden with
Falmouth. salt from France has put in, being damaged by the storm; she met three French pickeroons and an English privateer.

Sept. 26. 34. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect.

Sept. 26. 35. Order in Council,—on representation of the deputy lieutenants
Whitehall. and justices of the peace for Hull, that Rob. Duckenfield has long continued prisoner in the castle, by order of the Lord Lieutenant,—that a letter be written to the Earl of Derby for Duckenfield's release on good bail, unless just cause be made out to the contrary.

Sept. 26. 36. John Lysle to Williamson. Capt. Gunman in the Orange
West Cowes. has brought in a French salt prize of the Grande partie. The Orange and Paradox have sailed, as is supposed to follow the fleet; the same will be done by other vessels which have sailed by. Will be exact in sending news.

Sept. 26. 37. Robt. Gray to James Hicke. Has no news this post.
Buston.

Sept. 26. 38. Rich Browne to Williamson. One of the King's ketches has
Aldborough. sailed to the northward. Wishes to be kept in mind by Lord Arlington as occasion offers.

Sept. 26. 39. Robt. Scrivener to James Hicke. Trade is very sad, and the
Norwich. poor make great complaints for want of work.

Sept. 26. 40. T. C[orie] to Williamson. Deplores their lamentable con-
Norwich. dition for want of relief. They have had to borrow 200*l.* more for payment of the infected poor. Wishes the name of Ant. Mingay, of the Pine Tree, Redcross Street, to be put into the Gazette to receive the charity of such as shall contribute to the relief of the visited

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poor in Norwich. Hears that the same favour is done for Cambridge, and Norwich has more need. *Encloses,*

40. 1. *Advertisement proposed for Ant. Mingay to receive the charity of well disposed persons towards the relief of the infected and distressed persons in Norwich, the place being much visited.*

Sept. 27. 41. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Has sent an express with packets
Dover. to the fleet, though uncertain where it is. The storm continues high, and the scout cannot return on account of the wind. The victuallers from Rye have joined the fleet. Arranges the best mode of sending dispatches.

Sept. 27. 42. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Wants a vesse [with six or seven
Deal. men to be always enquiring or carrying packets, which could be done at 100*l.* a year. Will do his utmost to send intelligence. The Dutch are said to have burned two English merchantmen in Hamburg River.

Sept. 27. 43. Hugh Salesbury to James Hicke. The Prince sent five
Portsmouth. frigates to cruise off the coast of France, and they drove a French ship of 36 guns ashore. There have been sad storms these two days.

Sept. 27. 44. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All are expecting good news
Truro. of the fleet meeting with the French.

Sept. 27. 45. Jo. Man to Williamson. A woman at Llanelly who had
Swansea. a child at 54 years of age, has had another when 61, her husband being also an aged man.

Sept. 27. 46. Hugh Acland to James Hicke. Has no news to relate.
Truro.

Sept. 27. 47. John Bower to James Hicke. Three Holland men-of-war
Bridlington. chased into port the Roe ketch, which was taking letters to the convoys of the Gottenburg fleet. The captain intends to sail the first opportunity, but his vessel was driven so high up by the storm, that she will not float till Sunday. The Mary, which had also a packet for the same place, was driven into Scarborough by the Holland men-of-war.

Sept. 27. 48. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The prize brought into harbour
Whitby. was next morning pretty well disrobed of her apparel; she was the Frau Maria van Amsterdam, bound for Norway. No men-of-war have been seen off there these four or five days, but two are reported to be anchoring at the Tees.

Sep 27. 49. John Readman to James Hicke. His friends' habitations in
Harwich London being destroyed, requests him to forward a letter for the Scotland post. The fleet is at Kentish Knock, but lying at anchor on account of the storms. The Dutch are in sight.

Sept. 27. 50. — — to [Williamson]. The commander of the Fan-fan has
Harwich. been driven in by foul weather. He was forced into Rye, but joined the Prince, who came sailing by on Tuesday, with the whole

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fleet, and they sailed without the Goodwin Sands, wind south-south-west, to look for the Dutch, with the flags furled, that the Dutch might mistake them for the French. That afternoon they saw the Dutch fleet, 70 or 80 sail, to the north of the Knock, but much spread and scattered by the wind, which blew so high they would not engage. Our fleet came to anchor under the Kentish Knock, and the Fan-fan left them there on Wednesday at 8 a.m. They lost sight of the Dutch soon after they came to anchor. He says the ships have lost no masts, except two fire-ships, and six more have lost their boats. He was at the taking of the French man-of-war and saw four other French ships burned, which from the noise when the powder room took fire, seemed ships of war or fire-ships. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 27.
Morpeth.

51. Ri. Tolson to Williamson. Hoped the letters of Lord Carlisle and his son would have inclined the borough to elect Williamson, but found the people giving their own sense to the letters, and demonstrating a power within themselves admitting no contradiction. Very few encouraged the writer's desire, and many when the work was over were adoring the rising sun. The sheriff demeaned himself handsomely; the postmaster rode slowly. Stayed with Williamson's brother along with Wm. Renson, Edw. Lawson, and Mr. Fenwick, my lord's steward. Endorsed "The election at Morpeth."

Sept. 27.
Leghorn.

52. Thos. Clutterbuck to Sir W. Batten. Had the order come sooner for the disposal of such part of the provisions as can be sold, the Zante and Gallipoli ships could have had the supplies they needed. Four Smyrna ships made provision for their homeward voyage at Messina, which they have still lying in store and their men feeding on fresh meat, so they will want very little. Urged Sir Jeremiah Smith, when bound for home, to prevent a dead loss by want of opportunity of selling these provisions there, to send them to Tangiers. If frigates delay not too long to look that way, they will find these stores to their content. The Dutch are something calmed since their late great losses. The relation of the Vlie affair is turned into Italian and printed in Florence. It has begot a strange sympathizing with the Dutch, telling that a considerable part of the loss falls on English merchants as well as their enemies. The French are fitting at Toulon six considerable ships, expecting the like number from Cadiz, and threaten hard what they will do this winter. A good squadron of ships privately dispatched for those seas might find them abroad, and several of the rich merchantmen also as they return from the Levant, where they have 15 sail. Will see ships speedily supplied and give good advices of whatever happens in the Mediterranean. The Venetians will endeavour to obstruct the Genoese from the Constantinople trade, fearing that being great monied men, they may bring the best part of the silk trade into their own hands. Thanks for his promise to treat with his creditors. Sir George Smith can state the whole business. [Adm. Paper, 1¼ pages. Annexed is a letter of Oct. 18, a duplicate of which is calendared in its proper date.]

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Edinburgh.

53. Capt. John Strachan to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Pett has gone to other woods since the mast ships sailed. Will send the Commissioners' letter to Pett's correspondent at Inverness; 50 sail of merchant ships are detained by contrary winds. Complains of the dishonest practices of Patrick Lyell and his partner in London, Mr. Cutler. The young merchants of Hull and Newcastle think only of trading amongst themselves, instead of serving the King; they will not trust bills, and even doubt the Duke's commission granted to the writer, saying it is only for the north and not the south of Scotland. Particulars of hemp and coal laden for England. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.] *Encloses*,

53. I. *Bill of lading of 61,431 lbs. of hemp and 600 clapboards sent by Pat. Lyell to be delivered in London.*

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Sept. 27.
Portsmouth.

54. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Warwick and other ships, sent to discover the French fleet, have returned, after meeting with one French man-of-war, which they forced on shore, but could not capture. It has been bitter weather lately. God preserve the fleet. [*Adm. Paper*.] *Encloses*,

54. I. *Items of the naval stores expended on the fleet during their last stay at Portsmouth.* [5 pages.] *Sept. 17-24, 1666.*

Sept. 27.
The Charles,
Grimsby Road.

55. John Tellford to Sir Wm. Warren, Wapping. Is afraid to proceed further without convoy, being so much disabled for want of men. Has put six ashore at Hull in a sad state; fears their hands must be cut off. Begg that the Commissioners may be acquainted with his condition. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 28.
The Kent,
Spithead.

56. Capt. Thos. Ewen to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived in company with the Gloucester, Mary, and Dragon. Begg orders to clean and refit. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 28.
Gravesend.

57. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Four victuallers and two fire-ships have arrived, but some set sail again this evening. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Sept. 28.
Morpeth.

58. John Pye to Williamson. Was absent, settling his son in the University of St. Andrew's, during the election. Lord Carlisle wrote to engage his interest in behalf of Williamson, and the letter was forwarded to Edinburgh; took horse at once and reached Morpeth the next evening, but found his great haste and sore travel all in vain, for his brother George Williamson had broken up the writ, and given the warrant to the bailiffs, who had ordered the election that very day. Was sorry not to have taken a part in fulfilling Lord Carlisle's desires, and in imparting Williamson's merits to the corporation.

Sept. 28.
Mitford.

59. Humphrey Mitford to Williamson. Is extremely sorry to be disappointed in serving him, for the corporation yesterday elected Lord Morpeth as burgess. Had he received Williamson's letter

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before the election, thinks he could have prevailed with the corporation to elect him, as it was also Lord Carlisle's request to the town.

Sept. 28.
Margate.

60. Joh. Smith to Williamson. Some report the Dutch fleet gone, some in Ostend Road; the English is near the Longsand, on the flats, and in good condition, notwithstanding the tedious foul weather. The sick and wounded are all nearly well, and some gone to their ships. The Island [of Thanet] is clear from the plague.

Sept. 28.
Barnstaple
Custom House.

61. P. Manaton to James Hickes. Has no news, good nor bad.

Sept. 28.
Plymouth.

62. John Clarke to James Hickes. Sir Gilbert Talbot has been chosen burgess of the town, in place of Sam. Trelawney, deceased.

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63. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Sept. 28.
Plymouth.

64. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Sir Gilbert Talbot was chosen burgess freely and unanimously by the mayor, aldermen, and freeholders, in presence of the Earl of Bath. Three frigates are waiting a fair wind to convoy several merchant ships southward.

Sept. 28.
Plymouth
Fort.

65. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will send his letters to Sir George Lane, and Mr. Neele. Will be careful to see the ship which is ordered away returned is as good equipage as possible. Hopes enquiries will be made on her arrival into the great embezzlements.

Sept. 28.
Hull.

66. L. Whittington to Williamson. The mayor, Rob. Bloome, is dead in Scotland, and Rob. Ripley is chosen in his room, to continue to St. Luke's day, but on Sunday next, the mayor is to be chosen for the following year.

Sept. 28.
Walmer.

67. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Two or three ships, supposed to be Dutch, scout daily at the back of the Goodwin.

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68. List of 114 ships cleared at Newcastle during the past week. [2½ pages.]

Sept. 28.
Newcastle.

69. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The stormy weather has prevented the loading the coal vessels, damaged those in the harbour, and forced six from the bar, where 100 ships are riding with four men-of-war as convoys.

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Royal Charles.

70. Ja. Reade to Williamson. The fleet put to sea on the 33rd, wind favourable till the 25th, when being four leagues from North Foreland, a storm began; two hours afterwards the Dutch fleet was discovered in the S.W., standing for their own coast, and would have drawn ours into their lee shore; the storm increased, the Prince tacked and anchored that night in 20 fathom water, five or six leagues from the North Foreland. The storm has been violent three nights and days, but in that good road only small seas run, which was a great comfort, so much of the ground tackle being spent in the former storm.

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Sept. 28. 71. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. They have been tossed by very
 Royal Charles. severe tempests till that afternoon, and are now proceeding on their
 way home, being at anchor off Longsand Head. The Prince's great
 care is now to bring the fleet safe home, being more afraid of the
 weather than of the enemy, and it is still entire, 100 sail. The
 seamen are sure that the Dutch must be much torn, lying in seas
 where the wind had greater power over them.

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Aldborough,
12 P.M.

72. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Fan-fan reported that the
 fleet was riding on Wednesday 4 p.m., near the Kentish Knock,
 and the Dutch, with some of the French joined, making 100
 sail, near Gabor Sands, where the Prince was lost. The fleets
 are in sight, and would have engaged but for the weather.
 The Fan-fan was forced into Woodbridge haven, and will repair
 at Harwich. The Revenge has just come in, and reports the
 fleet in very good condition of health, and very courageous, the
 red flag out, both fleets in sight of each other, and expecting
 hourly to engage. A poor fisherman from Flushing reports that
 the London Merchantman, one of the King's men-of-war, was
 carried in thither as a prize. She lost her masts in the storm,
 and fell into the Holland fleet. He says that many French and
 Dutch men-of-war are carried up into the country, and that three
 ambassadors are coming from Holland. The General has ordered
 the disbanding of the Earl of Cleveland's troop, and all the horse of
 the same regiment, but they had no money to pay for their quarters,
 which much troubled the country. Cornet Brown, who commanded
 the troop in Aldborough, tried to satisfy them, and promised to
 take care of the payment.

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73. Petition of John Paine, deputy postmaster of Saxmundham,
 Suffolk, to Lord Arlington, for pardon and release; is committed to
 a messenger's charge, on complaint of Sir Phil. Howard, for not
 having seven horses ready as soon as he expected, though they were
 ready within half an hour.

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Whitehall.

74. Writ of protection from Lord Arlington for Sieur Eubaldini
 to reside in the kingdom for a year, and quietly to prosecute his own
 particular affairs, without being molested as a stranger, or having
 any violence offered to him.

Sept. 29.

St. James's.

75. Pass from Lord Admiral the Duke of York for the Fischer,
 George Roelandts master, to bring over to England such prisoners
 as have lately been released in North Holland, to come and return
 with any lading, except prohibited goods, provided he do no wrong
 to any of the King's subjects. With Dutch note of its collation in
 Dordrecht, March⁷₁₇, 1667. [Copy.]

Sept. 29.

Newcastle.

76. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The collier fleet is reported to
 have sailed, but the storm has hindered many from taking in coals.
 The troops at Durham and Morpeth are dismissed, and some of
 Lord Ogle's officers have come to receive money to pay them.

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Whitehall.

77. News-letter to Mr. Nowell, stationer, Norwich. On the 26th, the fleet was at Kentish Knock, in sight of the Dutch fleet above the Gallopers. The weather prevented their engaging them, but it is thought the English might have found an opportunity since. The French are driven to their own shores, without hope of joining the Dutch, and the rest who accompanied La Roche were forced ashore near Dieppe, where the French fired them to keep them out of the hands of the English. A French man-of-war ran into a fleet of light colliers, but fled on the coming up of a ketch. The Colchester and Drake have brought two prizes from the Dutch coast. The north coast is pestered with capers, but the western is very clear. On the opening of some warehouses under St. Paul's, which it was hoped were secured, the fire broke out again, and it is feared the goods will all be destroyed. The sickness has decreased the two last weeks at Sarum, 15 dying one week and 14 the other. The Commissioners have ordered an Act for regulation of officers and soldiers, and appointed a commissioner to look into Bills still depending. The Bill to enforce corporations is thrown out. The Lords are on a Bill to naturalize Lady Arlington, and have ordered two brothers of the Mr. Hastings killed by Lord Morley to the black rod, for affronting his lordship. [3 pages.]

Sept. 29.
Weymouth.

78. John Pocock to James Hickes. Will inform him and Squire Williamson of all that occurs.

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Lyme.

79. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The country people say the firing of London was a plot of the Papists. Some say the French fleet has passed.

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Whitehall.

80. Sir Willm. Morice to Lord [Treas. Southampton]. The King in compassion to the losses sustained by his stationer, Rich. Royston, in the late fire, wishes an order to the treasurer of the chamber to pay him 300*l.* out of the first moneys that come in. With note from the Lord Treasurer signifying his Majesty's pleasure to the treasurer of the chamber, Oct. 12, 1666. [*Copy.*]

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York.

81. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. The money was paid for disbanding Sir George Saville's troop, and last night Sir Henry Belasyse brought in most of the soldiers belonging to the Duke of Buckingham's troop. He appears very cheerful, and promises great readiness to serve. The colours were so little soiled, and so very rich that the officers have laid them by, in case his grace has occasion to use them. At Whitby they have been very much alarmed with lights seen in the Bay Road; some ran away with their goods, others stood to arms.

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82. Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London, to [Williamson]. In the late conflagration in London, some little mention was made in the Gazette as if neglect had caused the flames to increase. Has been prejudiced thereby, and to-day, in the election of a successor, was forced to vindicate himself. Wishes at the publication of his successor, to have the character given of being Williamson's

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friend or servant, so as to assure distant friends, that he is not out of favour till something is made out against him. Lives not by popular applause, yet wishes some esteem in the government, and needs some support, having had the misfortune to serve in the severest year that ever man did.

Sept. 29.
Coventry.

83. Ra. Hope to Williamson. On Monday Lord Lieutenant the Earl of Northampton came into Warwick, met by all the principal gentry of the county in arms, who ride as volunteers in his lordship's and Sir Rob. Holt's troops and had a very gallant appearance, as also the trained bands, viz., four troops of horse and six companies of foot, all completely accoutred, of whom a general muster was taken, to his lordship's high satisfaction. Two days following were spent in exercising and skirmishing, and then they were dismissed. His lordship, with the deputy lieutenants and justices, was very industrious in discovery and apprehension of pragmatical praters, who, from disaffection or loquacity, have reported false ill news. All found guilty are to be exemplarily punished; he also gave express charge against the scandalous reports spread against Sir Hen. Puckering, since the late difference between him and the town of Warwick: whoever in future relates anything material about public concerns is to give a good account of its author, or be charged with invention, and liable to penalty; several such offenders are already in prison, some reporting the death from poison of General Monk, others the utter defeat of the fleet, and one saying he saw Sir Hen. Puckering at mass at Weston Hall. Some conventiclers were brought before the justices; those who submitted on promise of good behaviour found favour; those who were peremptory had the strictest extent of justice, and refusing to pay their fines, were sent to prison, where they are to continue till they have paid all the law enjoins. The work of the church has been indefatigably carried on by Thos. King, a public spirited citizen. The loss sustained by the Coventry clothiers in the late conflagration is at least 2,000*l.*, which is a great deal as times go. A letter to Sir Thos. Norton reports several fires in Cheshire, Lancashire, and Shropshire, particularly at Wigan, and Hendon in Shropshire. [2 pages.]

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84. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The St. John Baptist victualler, lying below Gravesend, cannot proceed because her men have been pressed by the Constant John fire-ship; the service has been too often obstructed thus; begs redress of the grievance. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 29.
Edwinstow,
Sherwood.

85. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has received the warrant for John Huntington as master of the Adam and Eve, but no directions where he shall victual or recruit; he wants a warrant to press men; begs a supply of money for the masts and sails of the hoy; has got the men to work again, on promise of payment when she is finished. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

86. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the departure and condition of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Sept. 30. 87. Thos. Waltham to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Lewis will deliver or
Plymouth. send down the printed warrants. Must have boatmen on the hulk
to be ready for ships coming into the Sound. Wants a boat also as
formerly. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 30. Levant Company to Mr. Rycaut. Enclose a commission, with
London. interrogatories, instructions, &c., from the Court of Chancery, to two
persons on each side, to examine witnesses there in a case between
the company, plaintiffs, and Sir Thos. Bendish, Bart., and Jonathan
Dawes, defendants. [*Levant Papers, vol. v., p. 146.*]
- Sept. 30. Levant Company to the Consul at Aleppo. To the same effect;
London. With note of a like letter to the consul at Smyrna, both naming
different commissioners. [*Levant Papers, vol. v., p. 146.*]
- Sept. 30. 88. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The coast is clear of
Portsmouth. enemies' ships, and vessels pass to and fro quietly; 100 French
prisoners, taken in the last man-of-war, have marched with a guard
towards London.
- Sept. 30. 89. W. Symons to James Hickes. Will write when he has any
Bridgewater. news.
- Sept. 30. 90. Hugh Salesbury to James Hickes. Condoles with him on his
Portsmouth. affliction, and prays God to sanctify it.
- Sept. 30. 91. John Bower to James Hickes. Capt. Baker has sailed with a
Bridlington. packet for Gottenburg, and 100 sail of lader. colliers have gone
southward.
- Sept. 30. 92. Mark Scott to Williamson. The vessels that went three
Berwick. months ago to the North of Scotland for masts for the navy have
come to Leith Road, and lie with two men-of-war and 30 sail,
waiting a wind to go for London; many of the ships are laden
with wine, brandy, and salt, taken from the Dutch and French.
The old man who was mayor of Berwick last year has been
re-elected; all is quiet and peaceable.
- Sept. 30. 93. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A Swedish ship which
Hull. arrived, laden with iron, reports that at Elsinore, 19 days ago,
were 70 Holland merchantmen, with three Dutch and three
Danish convoys, but the latter only went with them to the Scaw.
The Danish captains said they were ordered not to meddle with any
English merchantmen; their whole fleet of 30 or 32 sail rode into
St. Ann's Road, near Copenhagen, and it is thought will stir no
further this winter.
- Sept. 30. 94. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The fleet lies off the North
Dover. Foreland not damaged, though the wind was so high that the scout
boat has only just returned. The Duke de Beaufort's fleet is at
Brest. A gentleman of quality taken in the French ship, who
would not tell his name, is dead at an inn; he was shot in the arm

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and it had to be cut off; 46 have died of the plague during the week, increase 4. Is ordered not to stir till the fleet retires, but wants to be in London on Wednesday, being the last day of the hearing about the accounts of the Dover prize office.

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Mont Orgueil.

95. Capt. P. Manley to [Williamson]. Hears that a French gentlewoman at Weymouth gave herself out as his wife, but that she used discourse that rendered her suspected; thinks the latter is not true, but that her speech has not been understood. She is his wife, but no Frenchwoman; she and her parents are Walloons, subjects of the Spanish Netherlands.

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Royal James.

96. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On the 25th, a fresh gale blowing, the merchantmen with him went all into the Downs, and the fleet to Southsand's Head, and thence to the back of the Goodwin, and at 3 p.m., being near the North Foreland, descried the Dutch; but foul weather threatening, the Prince tacked to the westward with all the fleet, and anchored 5 p.m., six leagues from the Foreland; there has been foul weather ever since till yesterday; all are safely arrived between the sunk head and buoy of the Gunfleet.

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York.

97. "Proposals of a new model for rebuilding the city of London, with houses, streets, and wharfs, to be forthwith set out by His Majesty and the city surveyors, with the advantage that will accrue by building the same accordingly; viz., 1. The owners satisfied for their ground, the builder for building, and the poor inhabitants their losses by the fire. 2. The city built stately with large streets, the houses not in danger of fire, and the ground all put to the best profit. 3. The people will walk easy and dry, the houses of office and streets kept sweet and clean, and goods delivered much cheaper. 4. Convenient houses, shops, warehouses, and wharfs not dear. 5. Advanced to His Majesty by fines 372,670*l*. 6. A revenue for ever settled upon the Crown of per annum 223,517*l*. 10*s*," by Val Knight. [*Printed sheet.*]

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98. Jeremiah Armiger. For licence for a ship of Rotterdam to go to Norway, for a supply of timber, which is much needed for the rebuilding of the city after the late calamity of fire.

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99. John Baldwin, seaman, now in the Unicorn. That the money due to him on ticket for his service in 1664 and 1665 may be paid to his wife; is now in hospital, being wounded in the last engagement with the Dutch.

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100. Dennis Connor, for relief. Was in the service of the States at the beginning of the wars, but returning according to proclamation, was taken by the Dutch, turned out at Heligoland, in miserable condition, and brought to Tynemouth by Capt. John Deane, of Dover; has received no answer to his former petition which was referred to Lord Arlington.

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- Sept. ? 101. Sarah, widow of Francis Crafts, of London. For grant of aid towards rebuilding houses worth 5,000*l.*, burnt down in the late fire, whereby she and her children, are reduced from a plentiful condition to turn servants, and work hard for a poor livelihood.
- Sept. ? 102. M. de la Fabvollière. Was employed as engineer, Sept. 6, 1664, with 180*l.* salary and 30*l.* for his equipage, and had a warrant July 6, 1666, for payment of the same for the future, but wishes an order for 60*l.* arrears then due, and the 30*l.* for equipage.
- Sept. ? 103. John Gamble, one of His Majesty's wind-instrument concert. For payment of 221*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.*, arrears of his salary of 4¾ years; lost all he had by the late dreadful fire, and contracted a debt of 120*l.* for which one of his securities is now sent prisoner to Newgate, and ruin awaits them and their families without this payment.
- Sept. ? 104. William Garret, stationer. For a place as waiter in the Custom House; was serviceable to the late King, sequestered, imprisoned, &c., and had his house and goods destroyed by the late fire.
- Sept. ? 105. Nathaniel Hubert. For an order to the Admiralty Court to take him from Newgate prison, where he lies perishing, and send him to sea, to which he is condemned because in removing the goods of — Serskall, during the fire, receiving no reward, he detained goods value 3*s.* 6*d.*, since restored.
- Sept. ? 106. John Le Roy, jeweller. For speedy payment of 357*l.*, balance due for a diamond ring, value 850*l.*, for the Countess of Castlemaine, and other work; has had great losses by the burning of his house in the fire.
- Sept. 107. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. To give such orders that the collier ships now laying up, on pretence of want of convoys and men, may continue their voyage to Newcastle; the quantity of coals imported this summer was not a third of the usual proportion; much was lost in the late fire, and the confluence of artificers for making bricks, glass, and ironwork, will require a vast addition.
- Sept. ? 108. John Middleton, serjeant-at-arms. For restoration of his setting dog, taken from him, with affronting language, by Viscount Cranborne; being seised of the manor of Essenden, co. Herts, has always kept a setting dog, according to his ancient right.
- Sept. ? 109. John Ogilby. For licence to import 10,000 reams of printing paper from France, duty free, in such vessels as he can procure. Spent 20 years in setting "forth several books with sculpts in a more noble and heroic way than hath heretofore been done in England," but lost 3,000*l.* worth of reserved stock in the fire, and needs assistance to begin again the work then almost perfected.
- Sept. ? 110. John Ogilby. For his favour in imprinting the following books, the stock of those for which he had a previous privilege,

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being burned in the late conflagration, viz., Homer's works in original; a second collection of Æsop's Fables, with paraphrases; an account of the Embassy of the Netherlands East India Company to China, and an octavo Virgil in English. *Annexing,*

110. I. *Titles in detail of the above-named four works.*

Sept. ? 111. Tabitha, widow of Capt. John Parker. For a grant of a cast old ship or some money; her husband was the first to wait on His Majesty at Breda, and was slain in command of the Yarmouth frigate against the Dutch, in July last. The money granted to her, as to other widows, is expended by illness.

Sept. ? 112. Col. Robt. Phelipps. For the ground on which stood a house in Bartholomew Lane, which was purchased for the excise office, which house was burnt down in the fire, in case his Majesty does not resolve to rebuild it for the same use.

Sept. 113. Robt. Pringle, nephew to James Pringle, late carver to the Queen of Bohemia, to the King and Council, for release. Came over from Flanders, and was apprehended for having letters about him, though they are found by Lord Arlington to be only private letters to friends. Has remained in custody, in the porter's lodge, Whitehall, since Thursday last.

Sept. ? 114. Eliz., widow of Wm. Proctor, vintner of London, to Lord Arlington, for payment of 600*l.* due to her late husband for wine furnished on the King's account to the Prussian Ambassador, four years ago. Has suffered much during the late fire.

Sept. 115. Rich. Royston to the King and Council, for pardon for buying some books which, though unlicensed, have been freely sold for years past. Abhors all thoughts of disloyalty, and is reduced to great extremity by the late fire.

Sept. ? 116. The Churchwardens of the parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster. For payment of 11*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* which they advanced from their fund, by Lord Arlington's warrant, to provide pickaxes and other necessities during the fire.

Sept. ? 117. The Vicar, &c., of St. Sepulchre's, London. For benevolence towards the rebuilding of their church, destroyed in the late fire. Have lost most of their poor rents; can scarcely keep their poor from starving, and other city parishes which used to keep them being also burnt, many of the poor come to them.

Sept. ? 118. Jane, widow of Capt. James Smith, late commander of the Essex. For a grant of the prize ship *Charity* alias *Jonas* of Amsterdam, lately taken. Her husband commanded at sea in service of His Majesty and the late King; relieved the islands of Man and Scilly, transported the Earl of Derby and other persons of honour into Lancashire; furnished several frigates' service in 1655, by advancing 1650 livres tournois at Brest; spent 1,000*l.* in part

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building of a new frigate for His Majesty in 1657, which was taken by the usurper, and was imprisoned in Plymouth for three years. He died one and a half years since, in the service in the Essex frigate, then in the Straits.

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119. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes, to keep from the prize money 500*l.*, in lieu of the said sum which he paid to Mdme. Françoise de Fiennes. [*Damaged.*]

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Memoranda [by Williamson] from the Signet books, of grants, warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Note that all sinecures are to pass by grant, not presentation, in form prescribed.

Note that Mr. Thynne, envoy to Sweden, had 700*l.* for his equipage, and 5*l.* a day for his entertainment, beside bills for intelligence, &c.

Note that the last grant of excise in London, Middlesex, and Surrey would not have terminated till June 24, 1668, but was surrendered by the trustees of the London brewers; and upon an advance of 35,000*l.*, as a caution for the security of the rents reserved, &c., the lease was renewed to Grimshaw, Bucknall, Dashwood, and others, for two years from Midsummer, 1666, at 140,000*l.*, by monthly payments, the advance money to be deducted from the last payment, and 6 per cent. allowed them for it. [*Dom. Corresp., June 1666, Vol. 160, No. 126*.*]

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120. The King to the Officers of the Works. They are to survey the ruins of the Custom House, demolished by the late fire, with all the wharfs, offices, &c., thereto belonging; ascertain the proprietors of any parts thereof, and refer their claims to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, that they may arbitrate all disputes which might prevent its rebuilding; then with the advice of the Farmers of Customs, they are to prepare a new model for its erection, as near as possible to the former dimensions, but first to survey all the wharfs from the Tower to London Bridge, in order to decide whether it would not be better to erect it elsewhere. [*2½ pages. Copy.*]

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121. The King to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of London. They are to take special care, in the new elections of common councilmen, to observe the Act for regulating corporations, by which no one is allowed to be a mayor, alderman, or common councilman, without taking the Lord's supper, the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and that on the unlawfulness of taking up arms against himself, and also subscribing the declaration of the illegality of imposing the Covenant.

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122. Additional clauses intended for insertion in the above letter.

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The King to Lord Mordaunt, constable of Windsor Castle Having ordered the reception into the castle of money, jewels, &c., belonging to Sir Rob. Vyner, on account of the late fire, he is to give strict orders for safe keeping of the same, under a convenient guard, and under such agents as shall be appointed to take charge of them, and to give orders for their re-delivery whenever Sir Robert shall require it. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 129.*]

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123. Draft of the above.

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124. Sir John Jolliffe to [Williamson?]. Sends extracts from letters of persons of credit in India, on which the Lord Chancellor will consult Sir Henry Finch. The ship is still at Plymouth. Would have waited on him but it is not safe to go in the ruins.

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125. ——— to [Lord Conway?]. Was detained in England by the illness of his wife, but forced to return to Ireland on an alarm of a French invasion. The burning of London has prevented letters from passing as usual. Thanks for his proposed present of a cabinet. [*French. 1½ pages.*]

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126. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Will carefully observe the King's commands. Asks whether the Papists are supposed to have any private designs; there are several rumours, but probably fables. Wishes Lord Peterborough to know that at a house of Lord Banbury's at Haraden, where his aunt, an ancient Catholic lady, lives, divers persons are concealed, and have been seen to go out at night, by 5 and 6 together on horseback, armed, and with portmantaus, and to return before day, and they have given the town watch 2s. and 3s. at once to drink at the alehouse, to hinder any notice being taken of their going out and coming in. Wants orders, the lady being so near a relation to Lord Peterborough.

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Berwick.

127. Mark Scott to Williamson. The postmaster sends the post off so quickly that it does not stay half an hour, unless the mayor or governor command it, which is much complained of. Was thus prevented from sending last post a paper written by a friend who went on board a French ship, knowing the master. Hears from Edinburgh that Capt. Bennet, a privateer encountering a Dutch East India ship, took her prize, but lost 14 of his men.

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128. List of six ketches continued in the King's service, two for the Red, two for the White, and two for the Blue squadron. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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129. Schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted to two ships from Dover during the month, and of casks, hoops, &c., returned into the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. ?

130. List of 27 ships sent to London by Rich. Watts of Deal, with the towns whence they came, their tonnage, and the day when they were taken, April 14—Sept. 25.

Sept. ?

131. Request for a permit from Lord Arlington that the hidden persons, especially the spies, be not seized till they are disposed

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of; also a note of Jonathan Jennings, a cheesemonger, taken accidentally at a meeting at Aylesbury, who was imprisoned for it, stayed out the penalty, and then was sent to the others and præmunired. Endorsed "Blood's memorial."

Sept.

132. Memorandum [by Williamson], that after many careful examinations by Council and His Majesty's ministers, nothing has been found to argue the fire in London to have been caused by other than the hand of God, a great wind, and a very dry season.

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133. Advertisement that as many inhabitants of London whose houses were burned have since settled in the remainder of the city and suburbs, where their customers may not know where to find them, the King has appointed persons to receive all informations that may remedy the interruption of trade through the fire, and to transmit them to the surveyor of the press, who will, if desired, print and publish such information, and will declare the time and place where he can receive information.

Sept. ?

134. Proposal for erection of an office of intelligence for persons who have suffered during the late fire, to convey information about the present abode of the sufferers, so that all foreign and other letters directed to the destroyed habitations may be conveyed or directed thither, and forwarded to those who have entered their names. The office to be advertised in the News-book, and a sheet published weekly of the names of those who have applied to it. [2 pages.]

Sept ?

135. Proposal to prevent mischief from aliens, who are suspected to have had a hand in burning the city, by a grant to the writer, on consideration of his sad condition, often represented, of a patent whereby no foreigner would remain a night without full information whence he came, where he lodges, &c., and the same of subjects not at their own home, so that robberies, murders, and other mischiefs may be prevented or discovered.

Sept. ?

136. Ten stanzas on the mutability of human affairs and projects—alluding to the late burning of London, the last line of each verse being "touch and goe." [2 pages.]

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Oct. 1.
Truro.

1. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The weather has been very stormy. There is to be an election for a burgess in place of Nich. Arundel, deceased. It is believed that it will be one of the same family, "the Lord Arundel's son of Trerice, a very hopeful young gentleman as any in the west, and the only son of his father."

Oct. 1.
Languard Point
Fort.

2. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The fleet came in sight on Sunday, 10 a.m., anchored at 12 near the buoy in the Gunfleet, and at 8 p.m. stood for the buoy in the Nore. They fired 10

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guns in sailing, which makes it feared that some frigate struck on the sands. The Dutch have gone in, and some damage is done to the French. Three lords came to Harwich that night from the fleet, saluting the fort with their guns. Lord Rochester's troop which lay near the fort is disbanded.

Oct. 1. 3. John Pocock to James Hicke. Thanks for his letter of Sept.
Weymouth. 27th

Oct. 1. 4. Jo Man to Williamson. Has no news; the country is in good
Swansea. health and quiet.

Oct. 1. 5. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There are vessels from the south
Pembroke. parts, Ireland, and Minehead, which wait Capt. Liddell's motions.

Oct. 1. 6. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. None can give the news of
Pembroke. that port but himself, for no one else visits the harbour. Mr. Cook has an intelligencer who writes every other post, but says nothing except what he learns from the writer. With note [from Hicke to Williamson] that he has endeavoured to stop Malory's mouth to Mr. C[ook's] correspondent.

Oct. 1. 7. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Last week a small pickeroon
Lynn. came into the Channel, and caused the oyster boats and fishermen to run into Thornham Haven. The place is healthful, and the militia well settled. On Sept 29, Matthias Twells, elected 28 August, entered upon his mayoralty.

Oct. 1. 8. Edw. Bodham to James Hicke. Employs a friend when
Lynn. absent from home to write, should anything of moment occur.

Oct. 1. 9. Rich Bower to Williamson. The fish come in so abundantly
Yarmouth. that if he may have leave to sell 156 weigh of salt from a salt prize, for which he has already offered 7*l.* 10*s.* a weigh, he could sell it at 10*l.*, as salt cannot be got to save the fish, but if not sold in 10 days, it will not fetch 6*l.* Mr. Gauden has asked for it, but he has little need of it there.

Oct. 1. 10. List of nine ships from Bristol, and one from Gloucester, going
to Barbadoes or Virginia, from 8th Sept. to 1st Oct. 1666, with the masters' names.

Oct. 1. 11. Petition of Capt. James Dillon to Lord Arlington, for part
of the money due to him by the King for his relief in prison; has often petitioned but had no relief; by Admiralty warrant laid an arrest on the fifth part of a ship belonging to Martin Clasen Vanderzip for two prizes taken by a frigate of his, and sold in Ostend, but Vanderzip, to prevent his prosecution, has laid a false arrest on him for 1,000*l.*

Oct. 1. Reference to the Board of Greencloth on the petition of Rob. Hope,
Whitehall. for a review of his accounts and restoration to his place as Clerk of the spicery. The same as on Sept. 13. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 222.*]

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12. Certificate by William Crawley, [minister?], Art. Tramplin, and Thos. Clifford, churchwardens, and four other residents in the parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, that Wm. Hill and Gertrude his wife, have deported themselves quietly during their residence there, not intermeddling with the troubles and distempers of the times, he maintaining his family by his trade.

[Oct.] 1.
Chester Castle.

13. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Has received from the sheriff of Yorkshire the King's order to take Thos. Hardcastle prisoner; has done so, and will keep him close till further orders. Urges supplies for the garrison; the castle is full of prisoners, most of them of the fanatic party, "the stores very low, and the soldiers being so few, are put upon extreme hard duty." *Encloses,*

13. I. *Warrant to Sir Geoffery Shakerley to receive and keep Thos. Hardcastle prisoner in Chester Castle, for dangerous and seditious practices. With note that he was received at Chester 30th September 1666. [Copy.] Whitehall, Sept. 1, 1666.*

Oct. 1.
The Defiance.

14. Certificate [by Capt. John Kempthorne to the Navy Comrs., that John Driver has served as surgeon of the Defiance since July 29, 1666, without any allowance for medicines or instruments. *[Adm. Paper.]*

Oct. 1.
Chatham.

15. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. The governors of the chest desire to know whether they will be supplied with money against their next pay; if not, they will write to the hospitals, and by preventing the sending down of wounded men, lessen the clamours, which will be very great, do what they can. *[Adm. Paper.] Encloses,*

15. I. *Wm. Rand and Phin. Pett to Sir John Mennes and Sam. Pepys. Are the only two persons left to attend the business of the chest, money is extremely wanted; the balance of the account with the treasurer is 900l., to which should be added the balance of an old account amounting to 400l.; beg their interest in procuring this money; 164 pensioners are already relieved, and 100 more are ready to be admitted. Chatham, Sept. 17, 1666.*

Oct. 1.
Yarmouth.

16. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Will provide Capt. Langley with sails, &c., for the Lily; has spent 10l. 15s. 8d. in supplying anchors and a boat to the Mary ketch, hired to attend the Gottenburg fleet; the Virgin fire-ship, forced from the fleet by extremity of weather, has come in to refit, but is prevailed on to ply to Harwich. *[Adm. Paper.]*

Oct. 2.
Portsmouth.

17. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Hopes to be in town on Saturday; will bring an abstract of the stores of hemp, cordage, and yarn, also Mr. Tippet's survey of the Royal Sovereign; the ship with masts and sails for Plymouth is under convoy of the Paradox; Sylvester undertakes to mend all the anchors in six weeks time. The plague increases. The Truelove has arrived at Cowes, bringing some victuallers with her, instead of the deal ships expected. *[Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.]*

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18. Request of Sir Godfrey Lloyd, engineer general, for the usual allowance for 39 days' service in the Isle of Wight, to view the forts, castles, &c., and make a map of Yarmouth.

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19. Margaret Marchioness of Worcester to Williamson. Hears that Prince Rupert has got an order from King and Council to take bail for her cousin O'Sullivan; has got Mr. Prichard and Col. Charles Progers, to enter bail for him, and begs that her word may be taken for his fees; Lord Thomond is coming to town, and she will not fail to show herself grateful.

Oct. 2.
Portsmouth.

20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Fountain has come in to be cleaned, and then carry a packet to Spain. The Milford has brought in several ships bound for London.

Oct. 2.
Kinsale.

21. Thos. Burrowes to James Hickes. Has no news and has had none this great while.

Oct. 2.
Hull.

22. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Four laden vessels from London have arrived safely, but a hoy in their company, laden with Bourdeaux wines, was taken by a Holland sloop off the Humber; A coal fleet of 60 sail passed by yesterday; there are no Holland men-of-war on that coast.

Oct. 2.
Oxford.

23. H. Compton to Williamson. Has been into Wales. Thanks for his letter. Asks when the 100*l.* is to be paid.

Oct. 2.
Plymouth.

24. John Clarke to James Hickes. Has no news worth writing.

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25. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 2.
Barnstaple
Custom House.

26. P. Manaton to Williamson. Some vessels from Ireland, laden with tallow and wool, report all quiet there. The Katherine of Barnstaple, which sailed five weeks ago for Newfoundland, has returned, having lost her mainmast in a storm.

Oct. 2.
Royal Charles.

27. Prince Rupert to the King. After many dangers, has at last brought the fleet into the river, more entire than could have been hoped for a few days ago, and has dispatched Sir Robt. Holmes to represent to His Majesty its present condition, and some other things arising from the best observations he has been able to make during the expedition.

Oct. 2.
Royal Charles.

28. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. Has ordered Sir Robt. Holmes to wait upon his lordship also, with an account of the fleet and some observations made during the expedition.

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29. Gilbert Thomas, marshal, to Lord Arlington. Capt. Gryce is too large in his discourses. Mr. Williams and Mr. Beech did not see those men whom the captain mentioned last Sabbath, but saw some that used their company go into a meeting house. Fears Gryce is a babbling fellow, and having been a public witness against those that were executed, can have little interest against that party. Beech and Williams are the men that can do the best service about

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London. Williams should not be sent from those parts till after next Sabbath, for he knows more meeting places and rogues than Beech and Gryce.

Oct. 2. 30. M. Dumesnil Lorigo to Mons. Cleman Bidoun at M. Parent's, London. Thanks for his last letter and begs always to have the news [*French.*]

Oct. 3. 31. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Venetian vessel, laden
Falmouth. with oil and currants, sent in on suspicion by Capt. Lucy of the Victory privateer, is cleared and is ready to sail for London.

Oct. 3. 32. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 3. 33. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two fish-laden vessels have come
Yarmouth. in from Iceland. A townsman has arrived in an Ostender, which sailed with 30 or 40 more Ostenders for the southern ports, under a Spanish convoy. He was in the Royal George, a merchantman in the King's service, and lately taken by the Dutch; her masts being all carried away in the night, by an English second-rate frigate, she fell into the Dutch fleet, and surrendered; only 123 men were saved out of 200, many being drunk, suffered with the vessel when fired; some so very drunk that they slept 24 hours together, and knew not where they were when they woke. One Flemish ship was sunk in a little brush between the English and Dutch fleets off Ostend. The Dutch had nine ships missing in the storm. There has been a quarrel between the troops and the town watch. The bridge guard is kept by the town, the main guard by the town's foot company, and the horse guard rides up and down in the night. The bailiffs and officers agreed that when the troops came to the bridge guard, the townsmen should give the troops the word, but the new bailiffs who have come in contradicted this order, so that each demanding the word of the other, they fell out, and the constable of the night was wounded. The salt of which he wrote before was ordered to be delivered to Mr. Gauden's deputy, on paying charges, to do which he had to sell $6\frac{1}{2}$ weighs, which fetched 11*l.* 10*s.* a weigh. The town is much incensed against Gauden for engrossing the salt, as it is foul for his use, and white salt, of which he has plenty by him, will serve him better. Fears trouble, for the people trusting to this salt, did not provide salt for their fish; it is talked in the town of breaking open the doors where the salt lies. If Mr. Gauden has paid 6*l.* per weigh, the King has lost 800*l.* by the salt. [2 pages.]

Oct. 3. 34. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. Yesterday a fleet of 20 or 30
Lyme. great ships sailed westward, thought to be Ostenders bound for Bourdeaux.

Oct. 3. 35. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. There is considerable decrease
Norwich. in the bill of mortality, but the joy is abated by daily eruptions in new houses. The sectaries last Sunday could find no other place for their conventicle than the next house to the plague, and took it very unkindly that they were dispersed; there were 120 or 140 Presbyterians and Independents; some are convicted and more will be soon.

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Oct. 3. 36. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There have died in the
Norwich. week 115 ; decrease 35.
- Oct. 3. 37. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Little Victory
Languard Point has come into harbour, with a French man-of-war of 50 guns ;
Fort. knows not whether it was taken by her. A fleet of colliers with their
convoys has passed for London. Two frigates from northward are
passing for Harwich.
- Oct. 3. 38. John Pocock to James Hickes. A Guernsey bark reports the
Weymouth. good estate of those islands, and says there are several French pri-
vateers between them and St. Malo. A Swede from Plymouth reports
the coast all clear.
- Oct. 3. 39. W. Symons to Jams Hickes. Has no news worth notice.
Bridgewater.
- Oct. 3. 40. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.
- Oct. 3. 41. John Lysle to Williamson. The reason of the delay in his letter
West Cowes. was, that the postmaster at Southampton refused to receive either
the letter or a packet for Alex. Cheek, the King's proctor, about
some prizes, unless the master of the packet boat who brought them
over would pay 10s. postage ; the master therefore gave them to a
gentleman whom he knew, who was riding post for London, who
promised to deliver them safely, but probably gave them to a porter
who detained them. The master of a salt prize, taken by the
Orange, who had absconded for fear of imprisonment, says that most
of the French fleet is gone to Brest, there to unrig and winter ;
those that came east of the Channel have been scattered by the
weather, and five are reported to be taken and destroyed. Wants
a Gazette in a blank now and then, to enable him better to inquire
after news. [*1½ pages.*]
- Oct. 3. 42. E. Bodham to Williamson. Part of their coal fleet is in sight,
Lynn. coming up the Channel.
- Oct. 3. 43. M. Scott to Williamson. The ships with naval stores from
Berwick. Scotland have safely arrived and sailed for London, with the Scots'
fleet (a thing rarely heard of there) of 28 sail. All there is
peaceable.
- [Oct. 3.] 44. Reply by Capt. John Barton, of the Blackamoor, to 14
charges made against him by Robt. Seabrook, late carpenter in
the Blackamoor, of neglect, dishonesty, and drunkenness ; with the
names of the witnesses who are ready to prove his assertions. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Oct. 3. 45. Receipt by Ben. Johnson of 90 fathom of rope delivered into
Portsmouth. the stores by Capt. John Barton. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 3? 46. Attestation of Nath. Bunch to the Navy Comrs., explaining
why duplicate tickets were signed by Capt. Johnson for three of the

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men discharged from the King Ferdinando into the Great Gift, which duplicates the purser now wishes to have signed; leaves their honours to judge for what end. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4.
Portsmouth.

47. John Shales to the Navy Comrs. Peas are generally sold at 3s. per bushel, at which price Mr. Gauden's son agreed to purchase them. Seized several casks of peas sold by the purser of the Loyal Merchant to Mr. Ransted. Was forced to entreat a file of musqueteers from the Guard to keep the peace until the peas could be removed into safe custody, the purser being so abusive and making a party. The same purser has unlawfully seized 7 tons of beer intended for another ship. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*] *Annexing,*

47. 1. *Receipt by James Whiston of 4l. 16s. for 32 bushels of white peas delivered to Henry Ransted.* [*Copy.*]
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The Harp,
Dublin.

48. Wm. Sarsfield, purser, to Thos. Hayter. Has delivered muster books, instructions, and certificates to the Mary yacht, Dartmouth, and Little Gift. The six supernumeraries taken on board by order given from the Duke of Ormond, June 1st, when the ship was convoying vessels with cattle, wool, &c., to Minehead, were discharged Aug. last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4.
Edinburgh.

49. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. The convoys with about 50 sail have set out for the Thames. Calls attention to the Fox flyboat and two other vessels laden with hemp for the service, knap-holt, tar, &c., in which Patrick Lyell has a special interest. Nine frigates are preparing in all haste for the sea. There are many prizes sent into the north of Scotland. If the serviceable navy provisions in them be not publicly sold, they are sure to be bought up by the merchants, owners of the frigates, to the prejudice of the seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4.
Aldborough.

50. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The fleet is said to be about the Gunfleet, plying towards the buoy in the Nore; 100 laden colliers have passed southward.

Oct. 4.
Sunderland.

51. Ben. Francis to Williamson. The Scottish fleet of 30 sail, laden with timber, with two convoys, is lying off the harbour, waiting for 150 sail of colliers from Tynemouth Haven, many of them large ships with several guns. The masters have made such provision, both of men and ammunition, that they would have convoyed themselves and the smaller vessels to market, without the Scotch fleet.

Oct. 4.
7 A.M.,
Southwold.

52. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. The herring fishery proves good, and will do well, if the weather continue good, and the fishermen are not taken by the men-of-war. One ketch has just brought in 7 or 8 lasts of herrings.

Oct. 4.
Swansea.

53. John Man to Williamson. A vessel bound from Ireland to Bristol was taken off the Welsh coast, by a Dutch caper of 25 guns.

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Three passengers and part owners were sent on shore 20 miles beyond Milford. A caper of 40 guns does much mischief on the coast of Ireland.

Oct. 4. 54. Hugh Acland to Williamson. John Arundel, of Trerice, only
Truro. son of Richard Lord Arundel, is elected burgess, being of great loyalty and integrity; "and a person whom envy itself cannot blemish in the least." Language fails to express his worth.

Oct. 4. 55. Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London, to Williamson.
London. Mr. Verbecq and Mr. Beverley, who are informed against by some silk stocking weavers, are reputed on Exchange to be honest persons, and affectionate to the English interest. The former, having correspondence in France, put the other on a work, without any self end, or knowledge of the King's proclamation; therefore entreats compassion and a good construction put upon them.

Oct. 4. 56. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Arrival of 60 ships from Scot-
Newcastle. land, with two convoys, one a prize laden with salt and guns; the collier fleet will sail with them. A Hamburger from North Bergen, laden with deals and tar, reports that there are three or four West Indiamen there, and that the people are peaceable, and speak well of the English.

Oct. 4. 57. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The coast is clear of men-
Portsmouth. of-war. The guard of soldiers that went with the French prisoners has returned to the garrison.

Oct. 4. 58. Col. James Long to Williamson. Sends a relation from an
Draycot. honest gentleman of good estate in the county, which he believes in substance, but questions some of the circumstances, as that they rode four and four, &c.; it seems to be a particular muster in order to some insurrection. Can hear of no travellers passing that way, which might have caused the mistake. Has had Hardy, a north-countryman, formerly an officer, apprehended, examined, and committed to Salisbury gaol, as a very dangerous fellow, but the constable suffered him to escape, for money as is said. Sir Thos. Gower knows him as connected with the insurrection in the north. He said his business was to the south, to unite the Quakers and Baptists, but the Quakers disavowed him, and said he had dangerous designs; he was very well mounted. The constable is Leonard Atkins, of Sutton Benger, co. Wilts, late a lieutenant in the rebels' army; if he were frightened, it might prevent the like miscarriage, and bring in Hardy, who could discover many mysteries if well humbled; he frequents all the great cities of the south and west, always travels at night, and lies at Anabaptists' houses. He is said to have a good estate and many friends. Sends a request from Mr. Hulbert, who had not an early notice of the meeting, and therefore could not give it, but who spent two days in seeking out and discoursing with the person who saw this party. [2 pages.]

Oct. 4. 59. Petition of Edm. Squibb to the King, for leave to prosecute
Whitehall. a writ of error in the King's Bench, upon a judgment delivered

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against him in Chancery, in reference to divers forfeitures supposed to be made by Art. Squibb, jun., teller of the Exchequer, who assigned his office to the petitioner, which forfeitures Sir Hugh Cartwright and others had a commission to inquire into, and have given a judgment against the petitioner. With order thereon granting the petition. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 4. 60. Warrant to the Commissioners for sick, wounded, and prisoners
Whitehall. of war, to order the release of the Sieur Foullé de Martangis, taken in the ship Victory, and detained as a prisoner of war.

Oct. 4. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 247.*]

Oct. 4. Warrant to Sir John Lenthall, warden of the King's Bench, to discharge Francis Broomwich, who has offered to serve at sea, a former warrant to that effect having proved ineffectual. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 249.*]

[Oct. 4.] 61. Draft of the above.

Oct. 5. Warrant to Col. Legg to authorize the sale of certain unserviceable armour detailed, which is in his charge in the Tower, the amount received therefrom to be laid out in the repairs of the waterworks or armoury at Greenwich. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 248.*]

Oct. 5. 62. Petition of Sarah Fairfax, widow, to the King, for payment to her by the Farmers of Customs of 360*l.* owed to her by the late Sir David Cunningham, Bart.; the money was borrowed for the late King, who in regard of this and other debts, assigned to Sir David 7,000*l.* on the farm of the Customs, from which Sir David, by his will, wished her to be paid, but the executors have never received the money.

Oct. 5. 63. John Clarke to James Hikes. The Guernsey and Eagle are
Plymouth. ready to sail; the Martin, with a fleet of colliers from Topsham and Dartmouth, has put in to take under convoy some Plymouth ships bound for Wales. A Venetian ship that has long lain at Falmouth waiting for a convoy has come in.

Oct. 5. 64. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 5. 65. Advices received; being notes from letters calendared above, and from one, Newcastle, Oct. 2, stating that Alderman Blackett is chosen mayor of Newcastle for the ensuing year, with great approbation.

Oct. 5. 66. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The fleet of 80 colliers
Hull. is still detained in the Humber, about Grimsby Road, by contrary winds; three Holland men-of-war were seen off Flamborough, and drove a collier into Scarborough pier.

Oct. 5. 67. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Several south-coast vessels
Pembroke. are there, but can give no intelligence of the French or Dutch fleet. The Roebuck is still in that harbour, detained by winds.

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- Oct. 5. 68. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Regrets his and his family's
Pembroke. misfortunes; will write every post, both to him and Williamson,
as ordered. Also to the same effect as the preceding.
- Oct. 5. 69. Bond of Fras. Conway, of Ragley Lodge, Arrow, co. Warwick,
in 28*l.*, to pay to Chas. Bellers, of Alcester, 14*l.* 9*s.* on the 1st of
February next. Endorsed with a note from Conway to Mr. Mil-
wards, requesting him to pay the money when due.
- Oct. 5. 70. Joh. Smith to Williamson. There are no Dutch ships on the
Margate. coast, and the fleet is said to be gone home. The island is still
clear of the plague. Col. Titus is leaving them and going for
London.
- Oct. 5. 71. Thos. Burrowes to James Hickes. Will write every post,
Kinsale. but has no news; will send him scolips, cod, or ling, if he want
them.
- Oct. 5. 72. "Advices received" being memoranda from letters calendared
above.
- Oct. 5. 73. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Nine colliers arrived from
Lynn. Tynemouth Haven, in company with many ships of Lynn; also a
great fleet of London colliers, with four men-of-war convoys. A
fair is to be kept to-morrow at Gaywood, a village a mile distant;
it was not kept last year because of the plague; but Lynn and the
villages as far as Norwich and Peterborough are now clear.
- Oct. 5. 74. Memorandum by Wm. Gomeldon, of receipt from Jos. William-
son, of a certificate from Lord Manchester, that he furnished the
King with two rings, worth 160*l.* and 200*l.*, which certificate he
promises to restore.
- Oct. 5. 75. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Reed, broom, and deals
Katherine yacht, are much wanted at Sheerness; other things will be mentioned in
Buoy in the Mr. Pett's demand; has sent three companies of shipwrights and
Nore. mast makers to survey each squadron of the fleet; dreads their
return, knowing how much repairs and stores will be required.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 5. 76. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. A vessel arrived from
Yarmouth. Gottenburg reports that the fleet there awaits the coming of
greater convoys; particulars of her lading of pitch and tar, which
the proprietors are willing to sell. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 5. 77. Report, by John Tooker, of the condition of nine victuallers
already laden for the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 6. 78. Ben. Johnson to Comr. Thos. Middleton. Begs his interest in
Portsmouth procuring the payment of his salary with arrears, and of a bill for
Dockyard. impressed waggons employed in the carriage of canvas, in June last.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 6. 79. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for
Ipswich. September; the Victory prize is under victualling. *Encloses,*

79. 1. *Account by Thos. Clarke and And. Crawley of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, returned from ships in September. Ipswich, Sept. 1666.*

Oct. 6. 80. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to the Duke of Albemarle. Some
Chester Castle. deputy lieutenants showed him an order to Lord Derby, to release Col. Rob. Duckenfield, who is no prisoner of theirs, nor his lordship's, but has been in the writer's charge, by his Grace's instructions, ever since the discovery of the great plot a year since; has continued him close prisoner, on information that he was engaged in that plot, and that he and Col. Coxon [Crofton] (who has just died of palsy, of which he has languished ever since,) were the men much relied on to lead the forces who were to rise in those parts. Has therefore forborne his release without some particular command to himself, for his own security, being not named in the order, and the deputy-lieutenants refusing to give him a discharge.

Oct. 6. 81. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Asks Lord Arlington's
Chester Castle. pleasure in reference to Col. Duckenfield's release, detailing the preceding particulars. Hears from Ireland that the Lord Lieutenant has returned to Kilkenny, to stay till Christmas, that the Irish pity the poor Londoners, and are offering some relief by a contribution of cattle, for money they have none; the Lord Lieutenant gives 300 fat cattle, Lord Cork 100, his son 30, the rest of the nobility 20; perhaps in all the kingdom there may be 2,000 or 3,000 head.

Oct. 6. 82. John Pocock to James Hickes. Guns have been heard from
Weymouth. sea most of the day, but no vessel appeared, and the Nonsuch ketch, which has cruised 24 hours in the Middle Channel, has not seen nor heard any ship.

Oct. 6. 83. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Oct. 6. 84. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The fleet of London colliers
Newcastle. has sailed out, and rides at the bar, waiting the convoy, which stays for provisions; a vessel is ready to carry them on board.

Oct. 6. 85. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Bill for naturalizing
Whitehall. Lady [Arlington] was read this morning in the House [of Commons], and everybody strives to hasten it, from respect to his lordship. The Bill for increase of coin by the Mint was committed, but most of the day was taken up in debate about Lord Ossory's election for Bristol, whether a new writ should be issued, or the cause examined at the Committee of Privileges, and so Sir Humph. Hooke brought in upon the old election. The House inclined to their former judgment given for Lord Ossory, but his friends, not believing it could reflect upon him if the right were determined against him, gave way to the examination, which is accordingly ordered. The House of Lords sat not to-day, but yesterday a long debate was begun by the

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Duke of Buckingham, on preventing cheats and abuses in the revenue. He moved for leave to bring in a Bill making it death for any one thus to act in future. The House made no order, but left him to do as he thought fit, and he is now hard at it, drawing up his Bill, and has nothing else in his head. Prince Rupert came to the King after 10 last night. There is no news as to whether the Dutch fleet is gone into harbour. Keen as the House of Commons is for the Bill against Irish cattle, yet on report of it from the Committee, it is ordered to be re-committed, there being some clauses so extravagant and severe as to the seizing and conviction of them. Sends service to Lord Crofts and Sir Edw. Pooley. [4 pages.]

Oct. 6. 86. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. Several of the King's ships
Harwich. have arrived in harbour, and must speedily be fitted out.

Oct. 6. 87. List of 49 ships cleared [at Newcastle] during the past week.
[1½ pages.]

Oct. 7. 88. Mark Scott to Williamson. Has no news, all affairs being
Berwick. in a very peaceable posture.

Oct. 7. 89. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Lord Arundel's son and heir
Falmouth. is chosen burgess for Truro, instead of his uncle, Capt. Nicholas Arundel, deceased. A Swede has come into harbour, and sold her lading of salt and brandy; she met a French man-of-war off Scilly, which took from her a hogshead of brandy. The Venetian ship has left for London.

Oct. 7. 90. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Three vessels from Rochelle,
Plymouth. bringing in salt and wine, report that 100 sail of ships are there, loading with wine and salt, and that Beaufort and his fleet are at Brest.

Oct. 7. 91. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will dispatch the ship and
Plymouth fort. forward the Council's orders for sending about of the Greenland ships laden with oil and whalebone, as soon as a frigate comes which can convoy them. The Dutchmen have all arrived, but the order is only to send the master, who is now ill at Exeter; therefore there must be another order, if the men are to come in the ship, and if not, asks if they are to have passes for London or for their own country. Report of ships in Rochelle.

Oct. 7. 92. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The town has been in
Portsmouth. tolerable health for a good while, but now the plague has broken out again in some fresh houses.

Oct. 7. 93. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Sends the survey of the
Katherine yacht. fleet at the buoy of the Nore, except of the first and second rate ships, which are to be laid up this winter at Chatham. Asks further directions. [Adm. Paper.]

Oct. 7. 94. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. There have been 14,800 lbs. of
Dover. biscuit, 108 tuns of beer, and 900 4lb. pieces of beef, sent off to the fleet. Cannot perfect his September accounts, without knowing which of the two sent for August was approved. [Adm. Paper.]

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Oct. 7. 95. Capt. H. Young to the Navy Comrs. Has brought the Ruby prize ship from the buoy of the Nore. The pilot, Thos. Butts, the Prince's fisherman, will not undertake to pilot her further than Erith, by reason of her draught of water, being 18 feet before her guns are taken out. [*Adm. Paper.*]
The Ruby prize,
Purfleet Deep.

Oct. 8. 96. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Begs that his contract for building a third-rate frigate may be sent. Will give account hereafter of the timber bought, the places where it lies, and the names of the justices belonging thereunto. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Bristol.

Oct. 8. 97. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for the last two months. Account of the victualling of four ships since. [*Adm. Paper.*] Encloses,
Portsmouth.

97. I. *Schedule by John Shales of letters of credit granted to 10 ships for provisions in Aug. and Sept. 1666. Oct. 4, 1666.*

97. II. *Account by John Shales and Ant. Stratton of cask, iron hoops, and bags returned from ships in August and September.*

Oct. 8. 98. Rich. Ward, muster master, to Wm. Hayter. Sends seven more books. Hopes in time to bring the Royal James's book to perfection, and send that up. The major part of the pursers did not appear until now that all danger is past. Unless some other course be taken with them, cannot rightly fulfil his own duty. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Royal James.

Oct. 8. Grant to Thos. and Robert, sons of Thos. Killigrew, in reversion after John Thorpe, of the office of water bailiff of the Thames. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 8. 99. James Hicke to Williamson. Sends his letters from Ireland; there are none for John Knipe, nor any by the last post for Dan. Egerton in Ireland. The Gazettes have come in good time; it would be an advantage if they always did so; 15 reams are printed; his woman will do her best to answer Williamson's commands.
London.

Oct. 8. 100. Rich Bower to Williamson. The seamen report that 20 or 30 sail which came in sight are the Gottenburg fleet; the sea is fuller of herrings than was ever known; no sooner are the fishermen's nets in the water than they are full; some have been forced to throw three or four lasts overboard, and some have lost their nets by the great quantity in them; salt is at 13^l a weigh, and bay salt at 12^l.
Yarmouth.

Oct. 8. 101. John Hill, chief constable of Bridlington Quay, to Williamson. Wants a supply of powder from Hull or Scarborough, the nearest garrisons, for the guns. The Kitchen hoy, with the packet for the Gottenburg fleet, sailed Sept. 30, with a fair wind, no enemy being in sight, but the packet for Newcastle went in John Bower's galliot hoy, that was taken up for the King's service, Sept. 22. No enemies' ships are in sight.
Bridlington Quay.

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Oct. 8.
Truro.

102. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All are quiet and healthy there, and pray for the like happiness for their neighbours.

Oct. 8.
Swansea.

103. John Man to Williamson. Has no news except the country's health and quietness.

Oct. 8.
Southwold.

104. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. Particulars of vessels seen. Paid 8*l.* 10*s.*, on Williamson's account, to the master of the ketch sent to the fleet, and more, which was put to the account of the Commissioners for sick and wounded for men sent to the fleet: it can be put to the account for expresses. The ketches ordered by the Prince and Duke to carry water and ballast to the fleet are not paid; begs that they may have their money, as it will make them more ready to serve another time.

Oct. 8.
Pembroke.

105. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The Roebuck has gone to convoy vessels for Ireland. There is a report of 16 coach horses being landed in North Wales.

Oct. 8.

106. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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107. "Advices received," being notes of letters calendared above. Also from the following:—

Kinsale, Sept. 25: The Adventure of Kinsale, laden with tobacco, sugars, and indigo for the Leeward Islands, was taken off Cape Clear, and carried to Holland.

Dublin, Oct. 1: The Council of Ireland have considered of a way to raise 15,000 bullocks for relief of London, and appointed a commission to arrange their transportation. The Lord Lieutenant went towards Kilkenny, where the Earl of Orrery intends to meet him; he will continue there three weeks. [*1½ pages.*]

Oct. 8.
Norwich.

108. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The bill of mortality will be as high this week as the last. *Encloses,*

108. I. *Yearly bill of mortality at Norwich, from Oct. 3, 1665, to Oct. 3, 1666; baptisms, 718; deaths 3,012, whereof 2,251 are of the plague.*

Oct. 8.
Coventry.

109. Ralph Hope to Williamson. On Friday a lamentable fire happened at Loughborough, a considerable town in Leicestershire; it destroyed nearly 200 houses, and had not the wind turned, might have destroyed the whole town; it begun in a kiln; there have also been fires at Shipley, near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and West Haddon, Northamptonshire. On Saturday, at 8 o'clock, a strange kind of meteor flew directly over the city, from east to west. The head seemed as big as a large bowl, "exceeding bright and splendid; from it streamed a bright fiery tail, appearing about a yard and a half or two yards long, which seemed to wriggle and wave as it went, and after it followed a very long stream of blue; its motion was swift but very low, being judged to have been not so high as the spires of our steeples." The conventiclers continue in prison, their numbers are increased, and warrants are issued to apprehend more that obscure themselves.

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Oct. 9.
Margate.

110. Joh. Smith to Williamson. There have been 68 men set on shore from the St. George and Dunkirk ; has now 140 under cure, but all except two or three will recover.

Oct. 9.
Newcastle.

111. Rich Forster to Williamson. Most of the collier fleet have been forced back into harbour by contrary winds ; 20 or 30 great sail are still at sea, but the convoys came with those that returned. There is a report that divers Dutch and French men-of-war fell in with the coal fleet that left ten days ago, and put 80 of them into the Humber. There are certainly Dutch and French vessels on the coast.

Oct. 9.
Hull.

112. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Three Holland pickeroons are on the coast, and have taken four colliers or more. Lieut.-Governor Gilby is setting out a fine galley for a privateer, completely fitted, with six guns, she will take 25 men, and proceed to Scotland for a commission and more men. Begs Lord Arlington's favour for 15*l.*, the half year's rent of his house, taken by the last Prize Comrs., left unpaid, and turned over to the new commissioners. Wants an order to the treasurer to pay it, as their accounts will soon be passed.

Oct. 9.
Plymouth.

113. John Clarke to James Hickes. The coal fleet still waits a fair wind, as also vessels from Dartmouth and Exeter, bound for Virginia, New England, Barbadoes, Newfoundland, &c.

Oct. 9.

114. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 9.
Plymouth.

115. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Ostenders who lay wind-bound have gone for France ; 18 merchant vessels from Dartmouth, Apsom, &c., have come in, bound for Virginia and the Straits ; seven or eight Plymouth ships are ready to sail with them. The Guernsey and Eagle are to convoy them 80 or 90 leagues beyond the Soundings.

Oct. 9.
Norwich.

116. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Requests Rob. Francis's forbearance for a month, money being very scarce, and will then pay him for the quarter. A decrease in the bill of mortality is hoped.

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117. Lord Castleton to Lord [Arlington]. Recommends Ben. Marshall for the office of Postmaster of Doncaster, vacant by the sudden death of Mr. Hunt. He petitioned for it when Hunt should have been turned out for negligence, and had several Yorkshire gentlemen's subscriptions on his behalf. All his neighbours will pronounce him the properest person in the town for the place.
[3 pages.]

Oct. 9.
Portsmouth.

118. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Fountain, Sweepstakes, and Blackamoor are fitting out for sea.

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- Oct. 9. Sheerness. 119. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of ships disposed of to other places; asks directions for the disposal of the remainder; they cannot be dispatched without 50 or 60 able calkers, and 300*l.* for board wages; also a supply of deals, tallow, and broom; the want of money leaves few men to work.
- Oct. 9. Ordnance Office. 120. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. Desires a list of the ships lost since the beginning of the late Dutch war, two years ago. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
120. i. *List of 18 King's ships, 3 merchant men-of-war, and 20 fire-ships, lost since the beginning of the late Dutch war.* Oct. 9, 1666.
- Oct. 9. 121. Elizabeth Russell to the Navy Comrs. Complains of the great necessity her husband is in for want of money for land carriage in the Forest of Sherwood; the imprest bill for 200*l.*, ordered six months ago, has never been paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. The St. George, Chatham. 122. John Pitt, purser, to John Hayter. Requests that supernumeraries and sick and wounded may not be borne for more than 30 days upon the ship's book; has supplied 28 days' victuals for 360 men; desires an order for the same, according to the Navy Comrs.' usual allowance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. Surgeons' Hall. 123. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Gaynie, surgeon of the Dragon, desires new bills of freegift and imprest for recruit of stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. Sheerness. 124. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Has received instructions for the muster master; has broken something about Sir Wm. Coventry's proposals to the flag officers, and others whose opposition he had most cause to doubt, and succeeded thus far: victuals must be provided for the ships intended for sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. The Warspite, Chatham. 125. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Arrived last night by Sir Thos. Allin's orders; awaits further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. Bristol. 126. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Requests warrants to John Burch, justice of peace, and to the Mayor of Worcester, for land and water carriage of 400 loads of timber, bought of John Barnaby, justice of peace, from the parish of Bromyard, Herefordshire, eight miles from Worcester, to Bristol. Hears that Dan. Furzer has seized or intends to seize a parcel of timber bought by the writer of Thos. Shirley and Mr. Blackborow, of London, for the third-rate frigate. Desires redress. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. Letter Office, London. 127. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Has written fully to Mr. Pye and importuned him for an answer. Sends all that these posts have brought.
- Oct. 10. Norwich. 128. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news. Sends the bill of mortality.

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- Oct. 10. 129. T. C[orie] to Williamson. No money is yet paid in of the
Norwich. county contribution for relief of the afflicted poor; some towns
have gathered but 18*d.*, others 2*s.* The plague spreads much into
new houses. Never was a better herring fishery at Yarmouth, but
they want salt; "12 herrings a penny here fills many a hungry
belly."
- Oct. 10. 130. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. All are in good health, but
Boston. no news.
- Oct. 10. 131. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. Has nothing to inform him
Falmouth. of.
- Oct. 10. 132. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. above, and his letter to Hickes of Oct. 7.
- Oct. 10. 133. John Man to Williamson. Has no news; the country is in
Swansea. good health and quietness.
- Oct. 10. 134. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has no news, and much
Weymouth. business to hinder his writing.
- Oct. 10. 135. Jno. Mascall to Williamson. Hears that the Newcastle
York. coal fleet and convoy, which were outward bound, have returned in
again, and that seven Dutch men-of-war lie before their harbour, so
that no vessel can go in or out safely.
- Oct. 10. 136. Rich. Browne to Williamson. On Wednesday 40 sail of
Aldborough. light colliers, with two men-of-war for convoys, passed northward;
and on Thursday two more and one small man-of-war. The coast
is very clear, and no tidings of either French or Dutch.
- Oct. 10. 137. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared
above.
- Oct. 11. 138. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. Has heard no more of
Southwold. the eight Dutchmen and four galliot hoys seen by the fishermen.
- Oct. 11. 139. News letter to George Powell, of Pembroke. Notes of pro-
Whitehall. ceedings in the House of Commons. A commission of Parliament
has examined a Frenchman, who confesses that he set fire to
London, and has carried his keeper to the place where it first began;
being an inconsiderable fellow, little credit has hitherto been given
to his discourse. A Bill is brought in prohibiting the import of all
French manufactures, and requesting a proclamation to that effect.
The nation having for several years aped the French too much in
their fashions, especially at this season, the King, to avoid the like
vanity, has specified that he will wear a vest not after that mode,
but will not put it on till Monday, the Duke of York's birthday.
A duel has lately been fought between Lord Fauconberg, with Sir
John Talbot as second, and Sir Thos. Osborne, with Dan. Colling-
wood; the cause of the quarrel is not known; Lord Fauconberg is
dangerously wounded, but his recovery is hoped, as Sir T. Osborne
and Sir J. Talbot have appeared in Parliament. There is a report
from Bruges of De Ruyter's death. From Smyrna comes an account

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of a fresh gadding humour of the Jews to visit their imprisoned Messiah, whose authority is now so great with them as to turn their fast for the destruction of the temple into a day of rejoicing, because it is his birthday. The French ambassador has retired from Adrianople, and instead of obtaining enlargement of privileges, had to pay 153,000 pieces of 8 for the vessel taken by the Maltese, going from Egypt with the Grand Seignior's goods. At Jersey, Sir Thos. Morgan lies still encamped on St. Hilary's hill. Gilbert Millington, one of the King's judges, is dead at Jersey, and was buried in common ground, and Sir Hardress Waller is desperately ill. News from Holland; they much desire peace, are pursuing such as they suspect of corresponding with England, and intend to put MacDowell to the torture. Parliament have voted the King 150,000*l.*, but not agreed on the way to raise it. With news from several letters calendared above. [3 pages.]

Oct. 11.
Deal.

140. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Has returned first to Deal, being the first to leave it, and finds it in good health, which the parish officers wish publishing in the News-book, that their trade may return. The country is satisfied with the rise of money from 1*s.* to 15*d.*, for all wish a good stock in the King's hands, and the seamen paid every six months.

Oct. 11.
Portsmouth.

141. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships are being hastened to sea. The plague continues in the town; few die, last week only five of any disease, but three or four houses have broken out since.

Oct. 11.
Truro.

142. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The tin coinage is in hand. The farmers have declined the farm, so that it is thought the tanners will be allowed to dispose of the tin, on paying the King's 4*s.* per cwt. for coinage. Some say that the tanners will lose, others that the pewterers will buy all the tin at 4*l.* 10*s.* per cwt., the same rate as paid by the farmers. The weather has been very stormy, with much thunder.

Oct. 11.
Whitehall.

143. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Asks whether he will use a good sailing frigate, which is ready at Portsmouth, for Spain or Portugal.

Oct. 11.

Grant to John Tyrell of the dignity of a baronet, with the usual discharge. [Docquet.]

Oct. 11.
Bristol.

144. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Will proceed in felling trees. Regrets that the stopping of so great an abuse as the utter destruction of valuable timber can meet with no better help nor nearer way than what the law has provided; it will be both troublesome and chargeable to prosecute. Very little of the King's timber in those parts is fit for planks. Hoped a supply of money by this time. There is money in the Customs at present, if an order be speedily sent. Is relying on Mr. Blackborow's plank, and wants orders to treat for it. Is glad that it is thought necessary to survey

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Mr. Baylie's new ship ; "few who build by contract have more need of a strict hand over them ;" will soon find a suitable person for the work. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.]

- Oct. 11. 145. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. To-morrow
Edinburgh. Patrick Lyell takes post for London, laden with recommendations of his good service (*si credere fas est*). When his accounts and charges are examined, the writer's intelligence will be proved true. The convoys and Scotch fleet have arrived at Tynemouth. Particulars of prizes brought in. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Oct. 11. 146. Capt. Thos. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Is in port to fit and
Victory prize, victual. Begs to be allowed more men than 120. [*Adm. Paper*.]
Harwich.
- Oct. 12. 147. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Sails are ready for the
Yarmouth. Lily. The owners of the pitch and tar are willing to abate 20s. per last in the price formerly demanded, and will wait three or four months for payment. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Oct. 12. 148. Sir Lionel Tollemache to Sam. Pepys. Asks whether the bill of one Osborne, a timber master of Suffolk, for 600*l.* charged upon the Navy Comrs. by Mr. Deane of Harwich, will be accepted, and the money paid on sight. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Oct. 13. 149. Capt. John Day to the Navy Comrs. Repairs needed on the
The Baltimore, Baltimore ; her owners are willing that, when clear, she shall make
Buoy in the a voyage to Virginia. [*Adm. Paper*.]
Nore.
- Oct. 12. 150. Capt. Charles Wylde to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived at
The Centurion. Woolwich by order of Sir Thos. Allin, to await further orders. Begs leave to come up to London, having had sad losses by the late fire. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Oct. 12. 151. Petition of Mary, widow of Sir Edw. Broughton, to the King, for relief and money to pay her husband's debts, for which she has been in prison since June 18. Col. Russell, who holds her husband's advance money and arrears for service, vilifies him and will not pay it, and her own estate of 1,500*l.* a year was spent by her husband, chiefly in His Majesty's service.
- Oct. 12. 152. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Capt. Liddell went on Monday
Pembroke. with the ships for Ireland and several South-coast men ; a cruel storm followed them. A French pickeroon on the coast is feared to have done mischief.
- Oct. 12. 153. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- Oct. 12. 154. John Clarke to Williamson. The collier ships and their
Plymouth. convoys and other ships still wait a fair wind, and two more have arrived from Rochelle, laden with salt.
- Oct. 12. 155. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends the day's letters. At
Letter Office. first printed 16 reams of the Gazettes, and then 2 more. The woman promises diligent observation. Hopes he will remember her quarterly

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as Mr. L'Estrange did; she is a great painstaker, but the press is now far off, the fire has burned her goods, and she has no clothes but those on her back.

Oct. 12.
Yarmouth.

156. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Some fishermen were frightened by sails seen at sea, but the rest kept out. The reason of the plenty of fish is thought to be that as the Dutch have not been a fishing, the beds of fish come in whole and not broken.

Oct. 12.
Barnstaple
Custom House.

157. P. Manaton to Williamson. Gets no news but from him, for the embargo is so punctually performed that several vessels ready to sail for Newfoundland, Virginia, &c., will sustain great loss in their provisions. Is coming to London, but Wm. Wakeman will correspond in his absence.

Oct. 12.
Newcastle.

158. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Three light colliers report that they met those laden ships that were wanting when the others returned. The prize which the men-of-war had with them is come to the quay; the lading is gum and salt. The report of the Dutch and French having fallen in with the laden fleet is false.

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159, 160. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above. Two papers.

Oct. 12.
Plymouth Fort.

161. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will assist Mr. Neele to man his vessel; if Englishmen enough cannot be got, some of the Dutchmen shall be put aboard. Several merchant ships bound for Virginia lie waiting a wind. Sir Bernard de Gomme has set out for London.

Oct. 12.
Kinsale.

162. Thos. Burrowes to James Hickes. Will write every post. The Dartmouth has come in from Bristol. Will take the post office again, if encouraged, as the person put in in his stead is now leaving.

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163. John Coghlan to Williamson. After waiting long at court in vain; begs his assistance. Spent 658*l.* in the service of the King and his father, for the relief of Pendennis Castle, and other undertakings in Cornwall, and has lost 2,000*l.* besides, through confiscation, banishment, and imprisonment, but has not obtained the least redress or employment, though often petitioned for. Promises Williamson a third part of whatever he may recover by his means.

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Oct. 13.

Warrant to — Holbrook to apprehend John Winter, the elder, for contempt of her Majesty's prerogative in destroying her game. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 250.*]

Oct. 13.

Warrant for Elizabeth West to see Adam Baynes in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 250.*]

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Oct. 13.

Boston.

1. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

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Chester Castle.

2. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. The city has chosen Alderman Street, a very honest man, as mayor. Wants either an immediate order to release Duckenfield, or licence to do it on that to the Earl of Derby.

Oct. 13.

Bristol.

3. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. Thirty ships are preparing for Virginia and Barbadoes, but carrying little goods, English goods selling so dear and theirs so cheap that a small quantity makes a large return. Recommends to his service a pretty boy, who writes an excellent hand and has been civilly educated. Asks tidings about Mr. Wheldon's grant of the reversion of his (the writer's) office, as Lord Arlington had caveats entered on his grant.

Oct. 13.

Lyme.

4. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The fast was solemnly observed on Wednesday, and liberal contribution made towards the relief of the distressed poor in London.

Oct. 13.

Weymouth.

5. John Pocock to James Hickes. Asks for the model of the new city [of London], if it be in print.

Oct. 13.

Newcastle.

6. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sir Ralph Delavale reports that the ship which put ashore to the northwards has got safe off. A vessel has come in from Hamburg, with many men on board; some are supposed to be Englishmen, who lost their ships in the Elbe.

Oct. 13.

Gravesend
Blockhouse.

7. N. Oudart to Williamson. Praises the kind hospitality of Sir John Griffith, the noble governor, and his lady, to Mrs. Renau, Mrs. Mortaigne, himself, and his wife, in keeping them from the yet hazardous inns, and giving them a cheerful welcome "in this infancy of a beautiful, strong, and commodious quarter." Those who are so well off need not be displeased that the skippers and trumpeters, for some unknown cause, stay behind in London, but his wife is anxious to be gone, and the ship is crowding with pack goods sent by persons of all nations. The governor wants to know the cause of the delay, and whether he is to stop persons who offer to pass with this vessel for Holland, but have not permission in writing. With postscript by Sir J. Griffith asking the honour of seeing Williamson there. [3 pages.]

Oct. 13.

Scilly.

8. Col. Anth. Buller to Williamson. Has written frequently to Lord [Arlington] and himself, about the state of the place, but not having received a line since his arrival, fears he has been thought over troublesome.

Oct. 13.

Woolwich.

9. Capt. Wm. Poole to the Navy Comrs. Has brought up the Mary according to Sir Thos. Allin's orders; her upper guns and cables are taken out, to lighten her for the dock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 13.

Custom House,
London.

10. Certificate by Sir John Wolstenholme, that Thos. Baker, merchant of London, has declared before him that Scipio Peters de Lance Corona, of Sweden, and Paul Johnson, of Friesland,

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mariners in the St. Paul from Algiers, were lately redeemed from 14 years' captivity in Algiers, by Wm. Bowtell, merchant of London, residing there, and request that they may have a free pass to their own countries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 13.
Edinburgh.

11. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of a bargain of timber offered; the convoys and fleet are at Tynemouth. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*] *Encloses,*

11. i. *Tender by Thos. Falconer of 3,000 oaks and 150 ash, elm, birch, and fir trees, growing on dry rocks in Murray, and 180,000 other trees in the north of Scotland, fit for musts and plank, and from which 10,000 lasts of pitch and tar might be made. With note by Capt. Strachan requesting the return of the paper. [1½ pages.]*

Edinburgh, Sept. 13, 1666.

Oct. 14.
Portsmouth.

12. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling account for the True Love and Fountain; particulars of provisions prepared for or shipped to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14.
The Lily,
Yarmouth.

13. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Fears that the Little Mary has been taken by three Dutch men-of-war; saw her give chase and fire off four or five guns; could not get near enough to give assistance; fight there was none, she was treacherously taken or surprised; shall not have much to do at present, as the fishing is over, and the Lily weak and unfit for the sea in winter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14.

14. Petition of Daniel O'Sullyvan to the King and Council, for release on bail; has been prisoner in Chepstow Castle since Easter, without allowance, and is ignorant of his accuser and crime.

Oct. 14.
Morpeth
Parsonage.

15. John Pye to Williamson. Being absent, and not suspecting the election would happen at that time, was unable to prevent what passed; does not know who advised delivering the writ to the sheriff, but had they judged the writer's presence advantageous, or the election hazardous, they might have waited his return. The town must defend itself for not answering Lord [Carlisle's] letters; they say that they would have suffered an encroachment of their privileges, if they had not made their own choice; they pitched on Lord Morpeth, to preserve their rights and prevent his honour's displeasure. Has not been remiss, but what is once balked is difficult to retrieve.

Oct. 14.
Deal.

16. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A gentleman from France came over in the Calais mail. As surveyor of Deal, is ordered by the customs' collectors, on order from the Lords Commissioners of prizes, to allow no goods to pass the customs, unless on good assurance that they were not bought out of any prize, but they are to be put in the King's storehouse.

Oct. 14.
Dover.

17. Warham Jemmet, jun., to Williamson. The plague still remains much in the town; 46 died last week, and more die daily; the coast is very clear of privateers. Wants news letters.

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Oct. 1. 18. W. Symons to James Hickes. All trade except for foreign
Bridgewater. commodities is at a stand. In Bristol they take great advantage
of the fire in London, by raising the price of such commodities as
were decreased by the fire.

Oct. 14. 19. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Six Holland men-of-war
Whitby. appear off the coast, more have been seen, and it is thought
the whole Dutch fleet or a great squadron of them are not far off;
has given notice northward.

Oct. 14. 20. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The place has long been
Portsmouth. visited [by the plague], but few die; note of five ships fitting out
to sea.

Oct. 14. 21. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Wednesday was strictly
Falmouth. observed. Fras. Bedford of Falmouth preached "a very learned
and particular sermon," so stirring up the hearts of the people to
contribute to the wants of their brethren in London that 7*l.* was
gathered, whereas other charitable collections have only been 12*s.*
or 15*s.*; Lord Arundel is going to London.

Oct. 14. 22. M. Scott to Williamson. Capt. Browne, a Scotch privateer,
Berwick. has brought into Leith two Holland prizes of French salt of 400
tons each, and one of 300, and more are coming. The week has
been very stormy, and two collier vessels are lost off Coquet Island.

Oct. 14. 23. L. Whittington to Williamson. The sloop that constantly
Hull. lies off the Humber, has taken a prize ship from Leith, of 250 tons,
belonging to the provost of Edinburgh and mayor of Newcastle;
some men were sent on shore in a small boat, the rest were ill-used
by the sloop's men, and worse by four Frenchmen of their own
crew, who joined the other. This ship was bold enough to leave
a fleet of six mast vessels and 200 colliers with convoy, that put
back into Newcastle on account of the wind.

Oct. 15. 24. John Man to Williamson. Those parts are in good con-
Swansea. dition.

Oct. 15. 25. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival and departure of foreign
Pendennis. ships; they can give no account of the French and Dutch fleets.

Oct. 15. 26. R. H[o]pe to Williamson. The meteor named in his last was
Coventry. thought to portend great rain, which has fallen, also thunder and
lightning, by which a barn filled with corn was fired at Eascott,
belonging to the very house in which both the nonconforming
doctors nested on their expulsion. There is much discontent with a
brisk report that the General has either laid down his commission or
had it taken from him, and that Sir John Robinson is dismissed,
and a papist placed in his room. These reports should be contra-
dicted if false, as they influence the giddy multitude. The justices
are much concerned, but have several in examination, whom they
threaten in order to make them more wary about their reports.

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Oct. 15.
London.

27. John Nisbitt to Williamson. Has diligently attended his commands during the war, and run great hazards, writing constantly to him or M. Nipho at Antwerp, and delivering letters of great concern. The taking his last letter with Dr. Macdowell would have cost him his life had he tarried two hours longer, for being a burgher amongst them and corresponding with the English, no mercy was to be expected; after his escape, a burgomaster was sent to apprehend him, and take him prisoner to the Hague, like Macdowell. His enemies then set to ruin him and his wife and children, who, though hopefully settled for maintenance, were so abused by the commonalty, calling him a traitor and betrayer of their country, that they were obliged to leave all and come to Brabant. Begs speedy relief that he may go and join them.

Oct. 15.
York.

28. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Sumner, the messenger, has arrested Bulkeley and Mawburne. Bulkeley was King's printer at York and Newcastle, imprisoned and plundered for loyalty, gets but a poor living, and is well beloved among the old cavaliers; wonders what the charge against him can be. Mawburne is quiet but weak in business, and would not wilfully disperse any unlicensed book or pamphlet.

Oct. 15.

29. Advices received, being notes from letters calendared above.

Oct. 15.
Morpeth.

30. Fras. Pye to James Hickes. At the election, finding the town purposed to choose Lord Morpeth and waive Mr. Williamson, notwithstanding the Earl of Carlisle's letter, moved to have the election delayed till his brother parson [John Pye] returned from Scotland; but the motion was rejected and the writer checked; it may be thus guessed whether he was a principal leader in waiving Mr. Williamson. The town say they were obliged to choose Lord Morpeth, in gratitude for his assuming the town's name as his title of honour. If his lordship refuse to stand, will try to serve Williamson. With a postscript from F. P., begging the news.

Oct. 15.
Pembroke.

31. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Knows not where the fault lies that Lord Arlington's packet was so long before it came to hand. There are several collier vessels in harbour, bound for the south.

Oct. 15.

32. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. ?

33. Petition of John Markham, the King's servant, to His Majesty, for a reprieve for his son, who, being very young and seduced by ill company, has committed burglary, and is sentenced to death.

Oct. 15.

Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to reprieve — Markham, condemned to death, until further pleasure. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 253.*]

Oct. 15.
Whitehall.

34. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to deliver Sir John Towers, baronet, sentenced to death for high treason in

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- counterfeiting the King's seal, but reprieved, to John Tompson, commander of the Companion frigate, on bond for his secure transportation to the colonies.
- Oct. 15. Entry of the above, but naming the ship Castle frigate, — Ady commander. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 253.*]
- Oct. 15. 35. Draft of the above, naming Barbadoes as the place of trans-
Whitehall. portation, and omitting the clause relative to the finding security.
- Oct. 15. 36. Alex. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Want of commerce
Glasgow. makes the country miserable; provisions are plentiful, but money more scarce than was ever known.
- Oct. 15. 37. Rob. Yard to Williamson. Writes him a French letter, as he
Hague. wishes it, but begs him to pardon the faults, as it is his first. M. Buat was decapitated there last Thursday. [*French.*]
- Oct. 15. 38. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Little Mary, convoy to the
Yarmouth. fishery, made towards a vessel which she espied, when two others came up and got between her and the land; several broadsides were heard, and it is believed that she is taken, and that the vessels were convoys to the [Dutch fishing] busses; 30 sick men from the fleet have been put ashore. Particulars of other vessels seen.
- Oct. 15. 39. Wm. Rolfe to James Hickes. Three ships of Lyme, with pro-
Lyme Regis. visions, &c., for the garrisons of Guernsey and Jersey, and two for Virginia are about to sail.
- Oct. 15. 40. John Pocock to James Hickes. Several parcels of wreck have
Weymouth. been driven on shore during the storms, also two chests; biscuit bread has been seen floating on the water, which causes fear that some English vessel is cast away near.
- Oct. 15. 41. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The town is healthful; there is
Lynn. no occasion for the militia to be in arms, and the bay is clear of pickeroons.
- Oct. 15. 42. John Lysle to Williamson. The stormy season has prevented
West Cowes. ships coming in, or the Milford and Paradox going out to convoy ships with goods for the stores at Plymouth. Sends up his wife about his just business in the prize office, being encouraged by Sir Thos. Prestwich, and begs favour.
- Oct. 15. 43. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There have been such rains
[Norwich.] for seven or eight days that the country people say the seed that is sown will come to little perfection. An increase is feared in the bills [of mortality].
- Oct. 15. 44. Hugh Acland to Williamson. There are small hopes of the
Truro. farmers taking the tin again; many have received their tin from the coinage after paying the King's dues of 4s. a pound. Hears of none

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bought for the pewterers, though many have a commission; 20*l.* odd has been collected in Truro towards the relief of London, a very liberal contribution considering the meanness of the place.

Oct. 15.
Naneby.

45. Dr. Thos. Fuller to Williamson. There has been a great storm of thunder and hail, some hailstones bigger than pullets' eggs, then a tempest of wind in which most of the houses at Wellbourn were thrown down, trees plucked up by the roots, &c.; also some houses at Wellingore, the spire of a church in the next town dashed to pieces, &c.; it caused such a terror that the people thought the world was at an end; had it been universal, and not come in a channel, the whole country would have been destroyed; some saw it coming like fire, moving in a circle, and yet it kept straight on; only three persons were killed. Is coming to London, having lost some houses in the late fire. [2 pages.]

Oct. $\frac{15}{25}$.
Leghorn.

46. Thos. Clutterbuck to Sir Wm. Batten. The four Smyrna ships, after long attendance for convoy, are called home by the [Levant] Company, but the winds prove contrary; could only send them a little flour and that at the cost price. Begg directions, as the provisions are sustaining damage, beside the cost of warehouse room, 15*l.* a month, and will be lost unless either some frigates come that would require them, or they may be sent abroad. Hopes his last 500*l.* bill on Mr. Gauden is accepted; it makes 4,075*l.* in all drawn on victualling account, the whole contract being 6,125*l.* Begg leave to draw the balance. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.] *Prefixing,*

46. I. Thos. Clutterbuck to Sir Wm. Batten. *Could not dispose of provisions amongst Sir Jer. Smith's squadron, as they furnished themselves at Messina for the homeward voyage. Leghorn is sadly experiencing the decay of trade. Everything lies under the rigour of patents. Is but a small gainer by his contract; the expense of preserving provisions so well, and for so long a time, is most considerable. Proposed formerly sending them to Tangiers, to prevent the dead loss. Shows the waste that must occur by food lying so long, and the excessive charge for warehouse room. "Shall be forced at last to sell them to the strong water-marker." The Smyrna ships are called home, but detained in port by contrary winds. Entreats directions from the Board respecting the provisions, before they be all lost. Has drawn up an account for Denis Gauden. Hopes it will be accepted and paid.* [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.] *Annexing,* Leghorn, $\frac{8}{18}$, 1666.

46. II. *Account of beer, beef, pork, and other provisions purchased and now remaining on hand after waste, &c., with their value.*

Oct. 15. 47. Edw. Sherburne, Ri. Marsh, and George Clarke, officers of Ordnance Office. ordnance, to the Navy Comrs. Seven barrels of gunpowder have been returned by Gosling, master of the Gottenburg ship, in part

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satisfaction for the 15 bought by him from the Centurion, and he is to deliver eight more or their value. The Society Merchant's guns were not taken out until 20 August, the hired labourers being constantly pressed away. This caused her great charge for demurrage. Clerks have been sent from Deptford to discharge the fire-ships of their fireworks and other stores. Will send away guns for the St. David. The Dove has set sail, with ammunition for Ireland. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Oct. 15.
Edinburgh.

48. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Bond sends copies of the warrants and orders authorizing his voyage to Shetland in another vessel, and the laying up of the galliot hoy in Leith. Asks in what ship he is to proceed, and begs an order on the Earl of Rothes, commissioner of Scotland, for payment for himself and company. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses*,

48. i. *Warrants to Capt. Edw. Bond, master of the galliot hoy, from the Duke of York, to receive stores from Col. St. Clair, and follow his orders. St. James's, March 11, 1665.*

From John Earl of Rothes, High Comr. for Scotland, to lay up the galiot hoy as unserviceable, and use the Danish pink Scalloway, to attend the garrison of Shetland. Holyrood House, July 28, 1666.

From Col. Wm. St. Clair, to proceed to sea to meet two ships laden with victuals for the use of the garrison. Lerwick, Aug. 15, 1666.

From Comr. Wm. St. Clair, to proceed to Leith and act on the orders of the Lords Comrs. [Attested Copies, 2 pages.]

Oct. 16.
Edinburgh.

49. Capt. Edw. Bond to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of his voyage to Shetland. The garrison is in a good condition, but the coast troubled with men-of-war. Was forced to Kirkwall Road in the Orkneys, for repair of damages sustained in chasing one of the enemy's ships; found the inhabitants very loyal. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16.
Dorlin Hole,
Yarmouth.

50. Capt. Ben. Young to the Navy Comrs. Has been detained near Gillingham by contrary winds and the running aground of the ship, since the 11th instant. Will neglect no opportunity to get to Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16.
Plymouth.

51. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Sapphire and Forester have arrived, bringing six sail of merchant ships from Guinea. The commanders want a supply of stores, especially cables and sails; has none in the stores, and cannot buy them for want of money. Begs payment to Mr. Woolly for the cordage from Dartmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16.

Pass for the St. John of Bruges, bound for Bourdeaux, thence to Bruges, and thence to Norway. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 254.*]

Oct. 16.

Privy seal for 10,851*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* to the keeper of the privy purse. *Minute.* [*Ent. Book 23, p. 254.*]

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- Oct. 16. Warrant to the Comrs. for Prizes to cause the Golden Hart, now in the Thames, and the Virgin Mary of Amsterdam, now at Whitby, to be sold on appraisement to Sir Hugh Cholmeley. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 257.*]
- Oct. 16. Warrant authorizing Lord Crofts to hunt round Richmond Palace Whitehall. to the extent of 10 miles, notwithstanding the order prohibiting the same. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 257.*]
- Oct. 16. 52. Petition of the King and Queen's Footmen to the King, for an order for speedy payment of their 12 months' wages, assigned upon the treasury of the chamber on their former petition, to preserve them from extreme want, six quarters being due to them.
- Oct. 16. 53. Petition of Robt. Francis de Surmount and others, subjects of Spain, laders and owners of the ship Fortune of Hamburg, for restitution of the said ship and goods, which were taken by the Drake frigate and brought into the isle of Wight. The Admiralty Court ordered its restitution, but the Comrs. for Prizes of Southampton and Cowes detain the ship, saying they must have some of the wines for the fleet.
- Oct. 16. 54. Petition of Michel Redinck, master, and Anthony Lamens, owner of the ship St. Michael of Bruges, to the King, for release of their ship, brought into the Isle of Wight, and ordered by the Admiralty Court to be restored. John Winder, chief commissioner of prizes at the isle, refuses to release it, saying he is ordered to unlade the wines for the use of the navy, but offering for them 6*l.* or 7*l.* a tun, which is only a third of the cost. Beg a fair valuation of them, if they are wanted for the navy.
- Oct. 16. 55. Petition of Sir Wm. Davidson, Bart., to the King, for an Whitehall. order to the Duke of York to grant him licences on payment of customs, for two foreign vessels to be sent to New England, and three to Barbadoes and the adjacent islands, laden with commodities for their use, the said plantations being in great want of necessaries, on account of the obstruction of trade by the present war. With reference thereon to the Duke of York, recommending the passes required, on security for payment of fitting dues.
- Oct. 16. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 223.*]
- Oct. 16. 56. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Fountain is at Spithead, Portsmouth. waiting a wind to sail to Spain, with a packet for the Earl of Sandwich.
- Oct. 16. 57. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Ostenders from Oleron re- Plymouth. port that Beaufort and his fleet will winter at Brest. The capers trouble those coasts much, have taken an Apsome ship laden with sugar, tobacco, &c., pillaged others, and command those seas. The merchants complain much that the west is left without frigates to secure the trade. The Sapphire and Forester have brought in from Ireland four richly-laden Guinea ships, bound for London.

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- Oct. 16. 58. John Clarke to Williamson. Four of the Royal Company's
Plymouth. ships, one from New York, and one from Virginia have arrived,
under convoy of the Sapphire and Forester.
- Oct. 16. 59. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Oct. 16. 60. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. Eight or nine sail are now
Barnstaple ready for Virginia, some having already the Duke's pass.
Custom House.
- Oct. 16. 61. John Bower to James Hickes. The Kitchen and Mary have
Newcastle. arrived from Gottenburg, with a packet from our fleet there; six
merchant ships came home with them and all are safe; they saw
a great fleet of Holland doggers, but know not what convoys were
with them, as it was night and stormy. Some light colliers saw
18 men-of-war off Scarborough, which they think Hollanders;
believes them to be our own men-of-war.
- Oct. 16. 62. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There is a fleet of laden colliers
Newcastle. in harbour; the masters of the light colliers that came in report
that they saw 18 men-of-war, supposed to be Dutch, on our coast.
Capt. Edmund Green, who had his ship burned near Hamburg,
came passenger in the mayor's vessel.
- Oct. 16. 63. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Amity has refitted and
Harwich. sailed. A Holland ship set ashore some English prisoners, and is
gone up the Thames; it is muttered that some extraordinary person
came over from Holland incognito. The sickness is much broken
out. Particulars of vessels in port. Is reducing affairs to order,
they having got wrong in his absence.
- Oct. 17. 64. Mark Scott to Williamson. On the 16th, a boat of ten
Berwick. Hollanders, whose ship had foundered at sea by bad weather, put
ashore at Bamborough, 14 miles south of Berwick, and they were
civilly received as distressed people, by Sir Wm. Forster, owner of
the manor.
- Oct. 17. 65. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends a label to show that the
London. mail was 12 hours coming from Stilton to Huntingdon, but it is
dated 3 p.m., both at Ware and Waltham.
- Oct. 17. 66. Wm. Rolfe to Ja. Hickes. Three vessels from Guernsey,
Lyme Regis. under convoy of the Deptford, bring tidings of the good condition
of both islands.
- Oct. 17. 67. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. There have passed by nine
Falmouth. vessels, six great ships bound eastward, supposed to be the fleet
from New England. The St. George of Ostend, bound for Bor-
deaux, has come in, much beaten with foul weather.
- Oct. 17. 68. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Falmouth. ceding, and his letter to Hickes of the 14th instant.
- Oct. 17. 69. Ra. Hope to Williamson. Thos. Geary, a fishmonger, a
Coventry. reputed very honest man, but a little Presbyterian, has been elected
mayor; Abraham Owen, feltmaker, and John Basnett, clothier,

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sheriffs, and Thos. Laurence, and four others, wardens; the mayor refused to stand, unless he may have the 100 marks formerly allowed towards the charge of the year, but lately voted away, and offers rather to pay his fine of 100*l.*; the sheriffs also pretend they will not stand, but pay their fines of 100 marks each. The fire at Loughborough was very strange: a flake of fire was seen to fly from the house first on fire, 200 yards, over several thatched houses and a great rick of barley without hurting them. A collection is making from house to house for the relief of the Londoners. Hopes it will be such as to speak a sense of their calamities.

Oct. 17.
Dover.

70. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has been to Folkstone to consult with the fishermen about the recovery of anchors and cables let slip by the fleet at Dungeness. They are willing to earn money, but have not a boat in the town suitable, and fear the encounter of French frigates, which have been seen lately driving about the place; the seamen at Dover also consider it impossible at this season of the year. Has fitted out two boats to try what can be done. The imprest bill for 200*l.* granted last July is not yet paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17.

71. Thos. Beckford to the Navy Comrs. Statement of his accounts for clothes supplied to the fleet. Entreats consideration for a loss of 1,700*l.* in ships furnished with clothes, which were taken, sunk, and burnt during the late engagements. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.
Victory prize,
Harwich.

72. Capt. Thos. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Sends a list of his impressed men and of others impressed by the county ordered aboard his ship for the fleet, but not taken off; 120 is a small number for the ship. Begs to be allowed more. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.
French Ruby,
Woolwich.

73. Capt. Hen. Young to the Navy Comrs. Begs pardon for giving account of his concerns to the Prince instead of the Board. Is just arrived from Erith. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.

74. Robt. Mayors to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of goods on board the Golden Hart and Fox prize ships, now in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.
Cockpit.

75. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Requests that 42*l.* 1*s.* be paid to Wm. Shipman of Aldborough for fitting the Mary of Fredericstadt as a fire-ship, as she is now to be restored to the owners, who will pay the charge of unlading their goods, but not that of fitting the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

75. I. *Capt. Wm. Shipman to Matthew Locke, secretary to the Duke of Albemarle. Desires directions about the Danish prize Mary, for the charge of unloading her is 27*l.* 1*s.* Mr. Lee claims the goods as proprietor.*

Aldborough, Oct. 8, 1666.

75. II. *Account of the charge of fitting out the said ship as a fire-ship between Aug. 18 and 30, 1666, with the pilot's expenses, unlading, &c.; total, 70*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.**

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Oct. 18. 76. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw to the Navy
Custom House, Comrs. Are prevented by urgent pressing occasions from furnishing
Mark Lane. the 1,000*l.* required from Bristol for Dan. Furzer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18. 77. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Patrick Lyell has
Edinburgh. obtained possession of certain bills of lading from George Strachan
of the hemp galliot, and exchanged them for others; what tricks
and juggling have been practised to abuse their honours. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

Oct. 18. 78. Rob. Meine to Williamson. Several more prizes have been
Edinburgh. taken. Sends a proclamation for obedience to ecclesiastical authority.
Enclosing,

78. 1. *Proclamation that as the laws against Papists, Quakers, and other disaffected persons in Scotland have hitherto been badly kept, proclamation be made at the market cross of Edinburgh and other head burghs of the several shires, that all masters of families cause their domestic servants, grieves, chamberlains, &c., to obey the said laws, and particularly to attend public worship at their parish churches, receive the sacrament, and abstain from conventicles, or in case of disobedience, remove them from their service; also that all heritors, landlords, and life renters cause their tenants to give bond for observing the said Acts of Parliament, on pain of being denounced to the horn; all escheats falling in by such hornings to be given to the landlords. Any tenants refusing obedience are to be removed if removeable, and no lands nor tenements let hereafter without a provision of forfeiture, in case of disobedience to the said Acts. All magistrates are similarly to be answerable for their burgesses and inhabitants, and to take bonds from those suspected, on pain of being subject to the same punishment as the contraveners themselves.* [*Printed, 2 sheets.*] Edinburgh, 11 Oct. 1666.

Oct. 18. 79. Petition of Roger Tows, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington for release. Acknowledges his frailty of intemperance, and knows not what he said in drink, but abhors all disloyalty. His wife is distracted with grief, and he compelled by poverty to the lower wards of the prison.

Oct. 18. 80. John Man to Williamson. No ships having come in for 10
Swansea. days, the place is barren of intelligence.

Oct. 18. 81. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The five days' storm has at last
Harwich. ceased, and no damage is done to the shipping. The ships designed for part of the winter guard are fitting out, and will soon be ready to sail. Several ships have come in, and the French Victory, a handsome ship, is aground to be cleaned and tallowed. No news of the enemies' men-of-war or pickeroons.

Oct. 18. 82. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The plague still continues
Portsmouth. ebbing and flowing, but not many die.

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Oct. 18. 83. Thos. Waade to Williamson. On Monday 11 great ships of
Whitby. the Dutch fleet appeared in the far offing, but on Wednesday a grand
storm broke out and forced them off the coast.

Oct. 18. 84. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The tanners have their tin left
Truro. on hand, the proffers made by the merchants being much under the
price which the farmers gave; only the meaner sort, who wanted
money, have sold a little. They hope Sir Rob. Vyner will take it
at last, if not, they will be at some loss; 4*l.* 4*s.* per cwt. has been
offered, the tanners to pay the King's dues of 4*s.* per cwt.

Oct. 18. 85. Roger L'Estrange to Williamson. Asks his opinion about
licensing the enclosed. Has directed the printer to advise with
Chief Justice Kelynge's clerk about it.

Oct. 18. 86. Ann Blow to Willm. Street, mayor of Chester. Wants him
and the aldermen to repent and turn from the evil of their doings,
for the Lord's controversy is great; threatens them else with plague,
pestilence, sword, fire, famine, and captivity. Urges them to deal
justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, before his fury
breaks forth amongst them. Has walked 150 miles to declare this
unto them, whether they will bear or forbear. Endorsed "Anne
Blowe's seditious letter."

Oct. 18. 87. Chris. Sanderson to Williamson. The [intelligencer] says the
Eggleston. fanatic party begin to look very big, and some have it infused into
them that there is an absolute intention to bring in popery. By help-
ing Thos. Lawson to be schoolmaster to Rombaldkirk, North Riding of
Yorkshire, has engaged him to discover any design on foot amongst the
Quakers in the north riding. Has not promised him a penny, except
as a reward if he make any discovery which Lord Arlington thinks
worth one. He is an unsatisfied person, has joined in their conven-
ticles, and is informed against, therefore a letter should be sent to
Sir Jos. Cradock, of Richmond, commissary of the ecclesiastical
court and justice of peace there, to desire him to forbear prosecu-
tion of Mr. Lawson. Hopes he will do good service in that part of
Yorkshire, if the devil should drive on any designs. With copy of
a promise by Thos. Lawson, September 23, 1666, to make discovery
to a justice of peace, in case he hear of any plot against the King
or government.

Oct. 19. 88. John Clarke to James Hickes. The outward-bound vessels
are still in port, but no others have arrived.

Oct. 19. 89. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 19. 90. Wm. Symons to James Hickes. The tide came up so high
Bridgewater. yesterday that it ran over the banks, and into several houses.
Divers colliers arrived from Wales report those coasts clear.

Oct. 19. 91. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A ship of 300 tons has arrived from
Deal. Virginia. The town is in good health, and inhabitants flock in.
With postscript of the arrival of three other vessels on the 20th.

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- Oct. 19. 92. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. The Pearl has taken three
Barnstaple prizes, one a Dutch vessel of 300 tons, laden with salt and wine
Custom House. which has put into Milford Haven. The seas are free from enemies'
men-of-war.
- Oct. 19. 93. John Maurice to Williamson. The Sapphire's men have
Minehead. taken into Milford a Flemish prize, a good new ship of 200
tons, laden with wine and brandy from Bourdeaux. The vice-
admiral is securing the goods, but many are embezzled. A suit of
sails was sold for a trifle. The Sapphire took her whilst convoying
three Guinea merchants from Kinsale to the Downs. There were
two more in her company, but the Sapphire would not leave her
convoy to pursue them. Several vessels there wait for the Dart-
mouth, which has been six weeks in King Road, to convoy them to
Ireland.
- Oct. 19. 94. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden coal fleet cannot
Newcastle. stir safely with so slight a convoy. Three or four of the great
colliers, who could not get back into harbour, are reported to be lost
in the late storm. A boat with eight Hollanders put on shore near
Bamborough Castle, they say they lost their ship on the coast of
Norway, and have been six days at sea. Sir Wm. Forster has
secured them, they were very faint when they landed.
- Oct. 19. 95. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A ship has arrived from
Hull. Gottenburg, laden with flax and iron; she came out with our
Gottenburg fleet, but parted from them at the Skaw; being a free
ship, she thought it not safe to keep their company. Eight days ago,
a Holland man-of-war of 30 guns, off Scarborough, ordered the
captain on board, examined his papers, opened his merchants' letters,
but finding the ship free, let her go. She was nearly lost when coming
into the Humber in the late storm. There are strange reports of a
hurricane near Lincoln.
- Oct. 19. 96. Fras. Malory to Williamson. A Dutch prize of 250 tons,
Pembroke. laden with French wines, brandy, and rosin, taken by the Sapphire,
has arrived in the harbour.
- Oct. 19. 97. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Four cobbles of Newcastle are
Yarmouth. said to be taken. A Yarmouth ship has been cast away between
there and Winterton. The Success and Falcon have brought in a
dogger pink, but they were several times chased by the Flemings,
who are abroad in squadrons. The Falcon sails so heavily, that it
was feared she would have to be fired to keep her out of the hands
of the Dutch.
- Oct. 19. 98. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. M. la Roche, captain
Dover. of the French prize lately taken, has come to Dover Castle, with
the King's pass for his transportation. The tide has to day run
very high into the harbour, and unless some speedy course be taken,
the harbour and whole town will be lost; the sea almost flows into

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houses; the King has given a great sum of money towards Dover harbour, and no care is taken that the business is done to purpose; 36 died of the plague last week, and many houses are shut up, so that it is like to be a very poor town.

Oct. 19. 99. M. Desgranges to [Lord Arlington]. Has followed his advice in making an address to the King; entreats him, if he see that his affair at Court is desperate, to get His Majesty to give him something as a mark of the honour he has had of being in his service. [*French, damaged.*] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Monsieur Desgranges to the King. Has served him well six years, but only been paid for two, and suffers much, having no other means of support. Entreats for something, that he may cease to trouble him. [French.]*

Oct. 19? 100. M. Desgranges to the King. Has been very patient in waiting for relief, but is urged on by necessity; serves when ordered, and is told that his voice pleases His Majesty; asks if it be but a little sum, which he will receive as a present from heaven. [*French.*]

Oct. 19. 101. Petition of Denis Riordan to the King, for licence to import and export at his own risk goods from France and other foreign countries useful for the navy, for London, &c.

Oct. 19. 102. John Hubbard to the Navy Comrs. Has discharged, as Royal Charles. ordered, the Mary and John and Giles ketches, belonging to the Wivenhoe. A vessel will be wanted to attend the Royal Charles in fetching petty warrant [provisions] and water till she reaches Chatham. [*Adm Paper.*]

Oct. 19. 103. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The gentlemen in Yarmouth. treaty concerning pitch and tar are desirous to know the resolve of the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. 104. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of petty Gravesend. warrants issued since the last account. Many vessels have passed by without coming to anchor, others have only stayed two or three tides, so that they could not be mustered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. 105. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of pro- Victualling visions delivered to six [Gottenburg] ships, the victualler being now Office. at the Buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. 106. Invoice of 66 lasts of tar and 20 lasts of pitch, shipped by Stockholm. Edmund Yorke, master of the Elizabeth of London, bound for Portsmouth, on account of Sir Wm. Rider and William Cutler; also of the charges of customs, lading, provisions, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. 107. Wm. Chant, master, to the Navy Comrs. Notifies his arrival The George. from the Buoy of the Nore, by virtue of an order from Sir. Wm. Penn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 20. 108. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Cannot fit up the hoy
Edwinstow. and send her away for want of money, and her month's provisions
will soon be spent. The country cries out that they are undone for
want of money for land carriage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. 109. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King, for a payment or
speedy assignment on the excise of 5,776*l.* due to him, having been
much impoverished by the late direful fire.

Oct. ? 110. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King, to the same
effect.

Oct. 20. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay 180*l.* to Col. B. Reymes, out of
prize goods. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14. p. 104.*]

Oct. 20. 111. H. Muddiman to Sir Edw. Mansell, Margan, Glamorgan-
Whitehall. shire. The House of Commons has ordered inspection of White
and Hobbe's book called *Leviathan*, and examination into abuses in
printing. The Lords objected to join in a request to the King to
prohibit all French commodities whatever, on the grounds that it
would very considerably abate the customs, destroy a great part of the
Duke of York's revenue for wine licences, and cause French wines to
be brought in as Rhenish. Also that such a proclamation would be
ineffectual if these commodities were imported into His Majesty's
other kingdoms, whence this might be stocked. M. de la Roche,
captain of the French ship lately taken, has been released, and is
handsomely entertained by the King, for services performed for him
in his troubles. By the late agreement with the French, a captain,
if not exchanged for men, is ransomed at 36 livres tournois or
72*s.*; a master at 24*s.*, and a seaman at 12*s.* The wretched French-
man who said he fired London has been executed at Tyburn, but
denied the fact at the gallows, though before he had stood obsti-
nately to it, and would hardly have been believed, on account of
his varying answers, but that he took his keeper to the place he
had so long affirmed that he fired, and it was the very butcher's
house where the flame first broke out. The bill against duelling
has been read, one for purchasing off the chimney money is proposed,
and the accounts for the loyal and indigent officers are to be examined.
At Norwich 137 have died, of plague 127. Much mischief is done in
Ireland, by Castelo, the great Tory. The Roe ketch and Kitchen
have come from Gottenburg to Newcastle, without meeting an enemy,
though they are brisk about that coast; some light colliers saw
18 Dutch men-of-war off Scarborough and were chased by three,
who left them, not being willing to separate from their squadron, nor
adventure too near Scarborough Castle. It is feared that the Little
Mary is taken by the convoys of the busses fishing off Yarmouth.
The Dutch have resolved to keep their seamen in pay all winter,
lest they be not able to furnish their fleet in spring. Particulars of
the siege of Bremen by the Swedes. [3 pages.]

Oct. 20. 112. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. The weather is bad, but
Southwold. hears of no hurt done.

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Oct. 20. 113. John Pocock to James Hickes, The Nonsuch has returned.
Weymouth. With note by Hickes that this letter came to hand a post too late,
and had been opened, but he will inquire into the neglect.

Oct. 20. 114. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet of 140 sail still
Newcastle. continues there.

Oct. 20. 115. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Oct. 20. 116. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell, post office, London. The
Weymouth. Virginian ships were driven back to Torbay by the wind. There
has been a dispute between the civic officers and the military;
a soldier being reprov'd for some abuse, swore grossly, and used
ill language. Mr. Hide, justice of peace, civilly desired the lieu-
tenant to punish him, but he refused and gave Mr. Hide affronting
language; Mr. Hide said if the lieutenant refused to stop such
gross abuses, others must. He threatened any that doubted him,
and ordered his soldiers to let no one meddle with them. Mr.
Hide told him that the gown would go much farther than the sword,
and got a warrant from the mayor and other justices for the lieu-
tenant, but he doubles his guard and so keeps himself hitherto.

Oct. 20. 117. John Lysle to Williamson. A ship from St. Sebastian, that
West Cowes. has landed 400 soldiers in Ostend, saw 20 or 25 sail in Calais
Road, which he judged to be Wm. Vanderzaven's squadron. All
Flanders is fortifying against the French, who are raising a great
army. Guernsey is strong and provided against the enemy; several
vessels from St. Malo say the Isle of Wight is to be invaded next
spring; it should be better fortified. The Milford and Paradox
have sailed with vessels for Plymouth, with provisions for the
stores there, and 1 bound for Tangiers; 3 also for France, and 6
Flanders ships for the new vintage. Capt. Lucy, commander of a
privateer, has brought in two prizes on the commission of Sir Ed-
mund Turner and Mr. Carey, laden with sugar, brandy, and salt;
supposes the Duke of York will have the goods, as taken since
the proclamation.

Oct. 20. 118. John Nisbett to Williamson. Begs to know whether his
London. services will be accepted, being unable to maintain himself without
something to do; fears he is ruined in attending Williamson's
business, which is now not thought worth so much as to advance
him whereon to live.

Oct. 20. 119. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Hopes that God will remove
Harwich. the pestilence; only two died last week. The Orange and Little
Cygnets sailed, but were recalled by Comr. [Taylor], on news that
the Dutch were off the coasts, towards Whitby. The ships are
fitting for present service, but the bad weather continues. Thanks
for Lord Arlington's care of him with Prize Comrs.

Oct. 20. 120. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. A mighty eagle lighted
Harwich. yesterday on the ropehouse on the Green; her wings seven feet
long, and one claw nine inches long; she is thought to have come

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- from some far country, and to have been extremely weary, for she budged not at the first shot made at her, and was killed by the second. Has sent him a dried salmon. Gives a list of eight ships now in harbour to be refitted with speed.
- Oct. 20. 121-132. Memoranda from the Commons' Journals of the proceedings of the House, Sept. 28, and from Oct. 6 to Oct. 20, chiefly addressed to Lord Arlington. 12 papers.
- Oct. 21. 133. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Fountain has sailed.
Portsmouth. Two died in the town of the plague last week.
- Oct. 21. 134. M. Scott to Williamson. The place and country are all
Berwick. peaceable.
- Oct. 21. 135. John Tinker to the Navy Comrs. In the last muster of the
Portsmouth Slothany, 120 of her men appeared, and 73 were wanting; par-
Dock. ticulars of other ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 22. 136. Capt. Phillip Holland to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived from
Loyal Merchant, the Buoy of the Nore, by order of Sir Wm. Penn. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Erith.
- Oct. 22. 137. Sir Geo. Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Has removed his
papers from the paymaster's house to Broad Street; cannot go on
in the making up of the seabooks, on account of the Comrs.'
absence, which is to his great prejudice, having no vouchers for
the great sums of money paid for wages; begs that some clerks
may be appointed to attend wholly to that service, with strict
orders how many hours a day they are to work; proposes the
time from 7 to 12 a.m., and from 2 till 7 or 8 o'clock p.m. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Oct. 22. 138. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. A great flood has over-
Edwinstow. flown and broken down the banks at Amcotes, carrying away 23
pieces of timber; 16 pieces have been recovered; if money had
been sent down to complete the hoy, the timber would have been
safe in the yard; must leave and come to London if money be
not speedily supplied, as people come upon him for pay. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Oct. 22. 139. Geo. Pley, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Asks the decision of
Weymouth. the Board in reference to his parcel of canvas lately arrived; has
refused a considerable price in ready money, preferring the King's
service to his own advantage; it is of the best sort, and will
amount to 5,000*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 22. 140. Philip Lloyd to Thomas Hayter. Cannot forward the
Whitehall. warrants prepared for 20*l.* a year additional to Mr. Shish, and an
extra clerk to the comptroller for keeping his accounts, &c.,
without knowing what dates they should bear, according to the
Duke's orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 22. 141. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The proprietors of
Yarmouth. the pitch and tar accept the terms offered; viz., 15*l.* 10*s.* per last
for the tar, and 18*l.* per last for the pitch, to be delivered at
Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Oct. 22. 142. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Has obtained the
Chester Castle. King's order for releasing Rob. Duckenfield, and taken good security
for his behaviour. All was quiet in Ireland when he last heard, but
the cross winds have prevented letters this week.
- Oct. 22. 143. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared under
their respective dates.
- Oct. 22. 144. John Lysle to Williamson. The wind and weather being
West Cowes. unsteady, several ships that had gone out are driven back. Thanks
for favour in his concerns.
- Oct. 22. 145. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Ostenders and Swede that
Pendennis. came in, and another Ostender are in harbour.
- Oct. 22. 146. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. Two frigates have come in
Southwold. with a prize dogger. Hears that a fleet of Dutch busses are fishing
with 17 convoys, but the weather prevents a boat going out to see.
The posts ride at very uncertain hours; post horses might go from
stage to stage in 20 hours, from Yarmouth to London, and the post
should stay longer at Yarmouth, both for intelligence on the King's
business and for merchants; if half-an-hour were allowed at every
stage, the post that leaves Yarmouth at 6 a.m. would be in London
by 8 next day. People being tied to the posts, the posts should be
tied to certain hours.
- Oct. 22. 147. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Several ships have sailed for the
Deal. Thames, but the Drake, with eight or nine outward bound ships, is
in the Downs. The wind has long been between south and west,
with very much rain.
- Oct. 22. 148. Sir Thos. Bridges to Williamson. Thanks him for his favours,
Keynsham. but has withdrawn all thoughts of the thing formerly requested, as
it is not of the value expected, and has remitted his pretensions to his
friend and neighbour Sir Hen. Creswick, whom he recommends to
patronage, as loyal and willing to acknowledge favours; the thing
is worth 100*l.* a year, and he would give 300*l.* Wishes this letter
concealed from Sir H. Creswick.
- Oct. 22. 149. Sir Thos. Bridges to Williamson. Having found the thing
Keynsham. in which favour was promised too mean for two supplicants, has
withdrawn in favour of Sir Hen. Creswick, whom he recommends.
- Oct. 22. 150. Jo. Man to Williamson. A Dutch prize of 250 tons, laden
Swansea. with wine, brandy, and rosin, is brought into Milford, and will be
sent to the Prize Comrs. at Bristol.
- Oct. 22. 151. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There is great embezzlement
Pembroke. in the Dutch prize brought in. Fears it is the same all the nation
over.

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Oct. 22. 152. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. It is reported there that
Norwich. 8,000 a week are dying in London. If this be false, the public
intelligences should signify the contrary, for the people's satis-
faction.
- Oct. 22. 153. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Several prizes have lately
Lyme. been taken at Guernsey, one laden with pitch. The French fleet
is said to have got into Holland. The town is full of seamen,
who come home daily from the fleet, though several vessels have
gone for the plantations.
- Oct. 22. 154. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his of the 19th.
Weymouth.
- Oct. 22. 155. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The coast traders and country
Lynn. people are much pleased because the Portsmouth ketch of 10 guns
is ordered to cruise again in that bay, but yesterday the bad weather
forced her up to the town.
- Oct. 22. 156. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Most of the tin is sold at a
Truro. better price than was expected, viz., 4*l.* the merchants' cwt. of 112
lbs., the buyer to pay the King's dues and petty charges, or 4*l.* 2*s.*,
and the seller to pay the duties, so that between Sir Rob. Vyner's
agent and the pewterers' agent, there is little tin left. Some murmur
at the seamaster (assaymaster) for cutting and seasing their tin, when
it is not for the King, and say they will refuse it the next time. It
is of great advantage to the seamaster, beside his salary of 200*l.* a
year from the exchequer.
- Oct. 22. 157. Edm. Sawtell to Williamson. Begs him to forward the
Post Office. enclosed. On the 18th the tide rose so high at Bridgewater that it
ran over the banks at several places, also over the quay, and into
some houses and cellars.
- Oct. 22. 158. James Hickes to Williamson. Wants an order to Mr. New-
London. comb to send to each of Williamson's correspondents the King's
declaration of war against the Dane. The great rains much hinder
the mails coming in. The woman gives in a daily account of what
is printed off.
- Oct. 22. 159. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Departure of vessels. The
Yarmouth. Success and Falcon, before carrying away their prize pink, sold
her nets, warps, and some of her salt. The Lords [Comrs. for
Prizes?] have sent John Wickham, messenger, for some persons in-
formed against for embezzled goods; some Wickham carries up
with him; has brought four others to comply, and pay 55*l.* for the
goods, 20*l.* to Wickham for his fees, and 10*l.* for Mr. Lloyd. Is
himself cracking the nut all this while, whilst others eat the kernel.
Is at great charge and trouble in riding about the country, with-
out any advantage more than is known of. Would willingly get
out of this employ of taking all with no allowance, if he knew how
to save himself.

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Oct. 22. 160. Philosophical transactions, No. 18, being the papers read in
London. the Royal Society on that day. [19 pages, printed.]
- Oct. 22. 161. Bill of charges, for which allowance is craved, by Mat-
thew Butler, messenger of the chamber, for the custody of Ralph
Walwis 15 days, before he was sent to Newgate, and for a journey
to Lord Mordaunt, at Windsor Castle; total, 6*l.* 14*s.*
- [Oct. 22.] 162. Note of the grant of a baronetcy to John Tyrrel, of Spring-
field, Essex, son and heir of Sir John Tyrrel, of Heron, Essex.
- Oct. 22. 163. Ra. Hope to Williamson. Is glad to hear the ill reports
Coventry. contradicted. The mayor is content to stand, and instead of the
sheriffs who refused, Sam. West, weaver, and Thos. Bewley, plumber,
are elected. On the 13th there was the strongest whirlwind or
earthquake, or both, in Lincolnshire that was ever heard of. In the
town of Welbourn, near Newark, of 80 stone houses, only three were
left standing, the timber being so dispersed that no one can tell
his own; three or four persons were killed. Part of another town
near Overston was blown down, and part of a church at Boothby;
numbers of trees were torn up by the roots. At Denton near
Grantham, about the same time, happened a prodigious storm of
hail, some stones three inches long, some like darts, bearded arrows,
and other strange shapes. Muddiman's letters to Mr. Throckmorton
are much noticed there, chiefly as communicating the diurnal debates
and proceedings in Parliament.
- Oct. 22. 164. Thos. Stanton to Lord Arlington. Dr. Harper wishes his
Venice. lordship to be informed that he has accepted the place of physician
to the factory at Aleppo, and has gone at once, being desirous to see
Jerusalem and the adjacent country. Sends a scandalous relation
of the fire in London, printed and sold in Padua. The Dutch are
busy with their calumnies, and make the people believe that the
fire is a judgment, because four friars of St. Bernard were taken by
an English man-of-war, hanged, and their quarters set on the four
gates of the city some few days before. The Dutch print weekly the
news in Italian, and send copies all over Italy, speaking of their
great success and power, and representing England as ruined, not
only by their victories, but by dissensions at home. *Encloses,*
164. i. *Description of the burning of London. Progress of the
fire; At Moorfields the King, Duke of York, and nobles,
came to see Charles I. revenged, but moved with com-
passion, stimulated the people to exertion by working
themselves, so that it was extinguished in that part. The
people, eager to save their goods, tried little to quench the
fire. Many crimes and robberies were committed, espe-
cially against foreigners, many of whom were slain by
the enraged people, but the Catholic ambassador gave
refuge to all. Monk was called back to encourage the
people, but should he bring back all his ships laden with
silver, they could not replace the damage; 600 houses,*

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many with shops, the merchandise of the East India Company, in the Exchange, 80 churches, many hospitals, &c., were all burned. [Italian, 2¼ pages, printed in Padua.]
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- Oct. 23. Newcastle. 1. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Some light colliers arrived from London saw many ships about Yarmouth Roads. It is hoped that care will be taken for convoys this winter.
- Oct. 23. Plymouth. 2. John Clarke to Jas. Hicke. A vessel of Topsham, of 120 tons, was cast away on that coast. A privateer has brought in a small French prize.
- Oct. 23. 3. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Oct. ? 4. Petition of James Pearse to the Duke of York, for the pink St. Andrew, lately brought into Harwich as a prize, being 100 tons burden. Served to his utmost since the beginning of the Dutch war, both by sea and land, in looking after the sick and wounded seamen and soldiers. Has been at great expense in riding to execute his duty, and had a very great loss in the James ketch, lately taken by the Dutch.
- Oct. ? 5. Petition of James Pearse to the King to the same effect.
- Oct. 23. Whitehall. 6. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to order the delivery of the prize pink St. Andrew, brought into Harwich, to James Pearse, as the King's free gift, in consideration of his loss of a ketch that attended the fleet.
- Oct. ? 7. Petition of James Pearse to the King, for a grant of the Mermaid prize hoy of 80 tons, brought into Plymouth and now in the Thames, the St. Andrew being brought from Harwich to the Thames by the Prize Comrs., and likely to be made a fire-ship.
- Oct. 23. Warrant for the sale of the ship Peacock, a prize, to Peter Pett, on appraisement. [*Ent Book 23, p. 259.*]
- Oct. 23. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower, confirming the committal of Rob. Jopling and 28 others named, to the Tower, by Lord General Albemarle, for seditious practices during the King's late progress. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 259.*]
- Oct. 23. Harwich. 8. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather, which has long been very bad, is fair and hopeful. Hopes a cessation of the plague.
- Oct. 23. Portsmouth. 9. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The sickness is much abated; only four or five died last week, which is a miracle, considering the many houses shut up. The Fountain has left, and four more ships are fitting for sea.

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- Oct. 23. 10. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. A prize of 150
Edinburgh. tons, laden with hemp and flax, has run up by Leith to Born-
ston-ness, contrary to the Admiralty orders; unless the King,
Duke of York, and Duke of Lenox conclude for all naval stores
brought in, it is in vain to hope for stores out of the prizes that
may be brought in, though 15 capers are at sea, and eight more
going out. Four Dutch skippers, prizes taken before the convoy
came to Leith Road, were shipped by one Ferguson with prize fish
for Ostend, but instead of going there, returned to Amsterdam,
giving full information of the convoy and Scotch fleet. Several
men-of-war are lying off Tynemouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 23. 11. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has granted the Sapphire
Plymouth. and Forester supplies sufficient to enable them to prosecute their
service. Purchase of anchors. A prize taken by the Sapphire, in
the passage from Ireland, has been carried away by the lieutenant,
contrary to the captain's orders. Wants money. The hulk, by a
late storm, has parted her nether cable, and now rides by an old
piece of cable taken from the Eagle, which is not trustworthy.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 23. 12. Certificate by Rich. Reynell, that only two imprest bills have
been sent to Surgeons' Hall for the Leopard since Humphrey Dyke
was surgeon, each bill amounting to 2*l.* 15*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 23. 13. Capt. Mich. Lindsey to the Navy Comrs. Is still charged
The Welcome, with the bill drawn from Hamburg for victualling the Welcome;
Quinborough was requested to sign the bill, the purser being dead, but it was
Swale. signed by the late steward; the present one, Thos. Parker, who
through his badness of writing is taken for "Darber;" begs im-
mediate discharge of the bill. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 24. 14. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the acci-
Sheerness. dents befallen the Diamond, Greenwich, and Foresight; they are
now afloat and their damages repaired; will inquire into the
neglect of those concerned. Broom and reed wanted. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Oct. 24. 15. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Knows not what to do
Conpill. for money. Bought Peter Blackborow's plank of an agent, in presence
of witnesses who affirmed that he had full power to sell it, and
before it was sold to Fras. Baylie; the bargain would have been at
once concluded, but for a difference in regard to price. Waits the
surveyor general's order for felling trees in Dean Forest. Sir
George Charnock and Sir John Wintour will take care to send it
down. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 24. 16. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. It is said that 300 prisoners
Southwold. from Holland have landed in Yarmouth, having a pass under the
bailiff's hands; 50 of the 300 are sick at Yarmouth.
- Oct. 24. 17. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Wishes care were
Dover. taken to make the postmasters more diligent in expediting the
mails; they should be in at 4 or 5 p.m., but it is often 10 or 12 p.m.,
by which means many a tide is lost.

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Oct. 24.
Dover.

18. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Much rain has fallen, and drowned all the marshes about. Many still die of the sickness at Dover and Canterbury, and Maidstone has broken out much of late.

Oct. 24.
Boston.

19. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Oct. 24.
Norwich.

20. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Excuses the non-payment to Robt. Francis of his quarterage, trade being so bad; has to borrow money to maintain his family. Hopes to pay at Christmas.

Oct. 24.
Norwich.

21. [T. Corie] to Williamson. There is a decrease of 59 in the plague this week; hopes the cool season will beget a daily abatement.

Oct. 24.
Weymouth.

22. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has no news stirring at present.

Oct. 24.
Falmouth.

23. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Endeavour, laden with coal from Wales, with 20 more vessels, left Milford on the 14th, put into Scilly in a storm, in which one vessel is lost and several missing, and has arrived at Falmouth. The Rainbow, which had brought into Scilly two provision vessels from Ireland, convoyed them from Scilly, and has gone up the Channel with 16 or 18 more, bound for Topsham, Plymouth, and Dartmouth. A privateer was chased into Scilly by two French pickeroons.

Oct. 24.

24. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Oct. 24.

25. Petition of the African Company to the King. In spite of the strictest warnings against private trade to Africa, Giles Thornborough, in 1664, was found to have shipped great quantities of private goods, on one of their own vessels, which goods were seized, and he only saved from sentence in the Admiralty Court by his earnest intercessions and promises of fidelity; he is suspected to have been the principal agent in betraying their fort and fleet into De Ruyter's hands, yet John Kirkham now impudently lays claim, on his behalf, to his confiscated goods, and has entered an action thereon. Request favour and a speedy hearing before Council.

Oct. [24.]

26. Petition of John Earl of Crawford and Lindsay and Margaret Lady Belhaven to the House of Lords. Details the mortgage of the manors of Hackney and Stepney, in 1641, by the Earl of Cleveland to Sir Wm. Smith, their sale, in 1649, to Blackwell, who as treasurer of prize goods was 100,000*l.* indebted to the government; states that in 1660 the Earl obtained an Act for those manors to become as mortgages; that Blackwell's debt was conveyed to the petitioners in 1663, as a reward for services to the late King, on payment of 1,500*l.*, and that after spending four years and 3,000*l.* in recovering the debt, an exchequer decree is expected, to evade which the Earl tries by a new Act to destroy His Majesty's and their right. Request that their counsel may be heard before his bill is proceeded in. [6 sheets.]

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- Oct. 24. Warrant to pay to Baptist May, keeper of the privy purse, 10,000*l.* and 85*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, for interest of moneys advanced. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 25. Grant to the Mayor, &c., of Wilton, co. Wiltshire, of two yearly fairs, with pie-powder court, tolls, profits, &c.; granted on their petition, and for the recovery of their lost trading, especially in clothing. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 25. 27. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The great rain and stormy weather in those parts have kept any vessels from putting in. The Truro. tanners sell their tin daily to the farmers or pewterers, or to the merchants who cast it into small bars to send to the Straits, when they have opportunity.
- Oct. 25. 28. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Arrival of the Truelove and Harwich. departure of the Roebuck for Ireland. Sent no notice of the eagle killed there, as not thinking it so strange as others did. Some think it came southerly as prognosticating a hard winter.
- Oct. 25. 29. John Man to Williamson. The country is healthful and Swansca. quiet.
- Oct. 25. 30. Thos. Stollard, master, to the Navy Comrs. Is detained The Milkmaid, with the convoy by wind and weather. Requests an order to the Tynemouth deputy victualler at Newcastle for a needful supply of provisions. Haven. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 25. 31. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The King has Cockpit. ordered guard to be kept whilst the seamen are paid. Proposes that the 24 soldiers appointed to keep guard should remain in the house for greater safety; the multitude pressing upon them in the streets may take their arms from them. Asks what days are fixed upon for pay days. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 25. 32. Judge Advocate John Fowler to the Navy Comrs. Begs Royal Charles. payment of his salary up to September 30, 1666.
- Oct. 25. 33. Capt. Arthur Laugharne to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of The Colchester, his dispute with Anthony Deane the builder, about gravings and Harwich. tallowing the Colchester; "bore his uncivil language with patience, in regard he was a tradesman," and to avoid a mutiny between the carpenters and seamen. Is since informed of his quarrel with another gentleman belonging to the ship, and of his going about the town with 15 men, carrying cudgels, and a case of pistols in his pocket. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 26. 34. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Has concluded the Yarmouth. bargain for pitch and tar; part of it is already shipped. Requests orders to the storekeeper at Harwich to receive it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 26. Warrant for a lease for life to Peter Jacobson of that part of Whitehall. Vauxhall, formerly waste land, which he has repaired and built

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upon and made convenient for his trade of a sugar baker, he having spent 7,000*l.* thereon. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 102.*]

Oct. 26. 35. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver to Sir
Whitehall. Thos. Teddeman or Sir Rob. Holmes, for distribution among the
flag officers of the fleet, the lading of a prize called the Tulip
of Amsterdam, now in the Thames, except 20 tuns of brandy,
which, with the said vessel itself, are given to Sir Rob. Holmes.
[*Copy.*]

Oct. 26. Order for a warrant for 2,000*l.* for Lady Fanshaw, relict of Sir
Richard Fanshaw, late British resident in Spain, 1,000*l.* of which
was due before his death, and 1,000*l.* is granted to her for the charge
of his interment in England, and transportation thither of herself
and family. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 260-1.*]

Oct. ? 36. Petition of John Pengelly to the King, for release from close
imprisonment in the Tower, being innocent of the crime for which
he is committed.

Oct. 26. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to discharge John Pen-
gelly on bond for good behaviour. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 262.*]

Oct. 26. Warrant to Lord Herbert of Ragland, to discharge from Ragland
Castle O'Sullivan Beare, on his entering sufficient bond for his good
behaviour and allegiance. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 262.*]

[Oct. 26.] 37. Draft of the above warrants.

Oct. 26. 38. Pass for the ship Charity of Hamburg, laden with wool for
Whitehall. Senor Francesco de Silva, to go from Hamburg to Bilboa in Spain
and to return with wools to Hamburg.

Oct. 26. 39. Like pass for the ship Abigail from Hamburg to Bilboa and
Whitehall. back.

Oct. 26. Minute of the above two passes. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 262, 263.*]

Oct. 26. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the prize ship
Seven Stars to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Reid. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 262.]

Oct. 26. Pass for the ship Orange Tree to [New] York in New England
from Amsterdam, for Sir Wm. Davidson, Bart. Minute. [*Ent.*
Book 23, p. 262.]

Oct. 26. Pass for the ship Prince of Orange to Barbadoes from Amsterdam,
with horses, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 262.*]

Oct. 26. Pass for the St. Christo de Castello from Amsterdam to Lisbon,
Cadiz, and other ports in Spain, and to return to Leghorn or
Genoa. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 263.*]

Oct. 26. Order for a warrant to pay 40*l.* to George Tomlin, his Majesty's
embellisher, for embellishing with the King's picture, arms, orna-
ments in gold, &c. two letters to the Sultan Mahomet, and two to
the Vizier Azem. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 265.*]

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Oct. 26. 40. Tho. Holden to James Hicke. Has no news.
Falmouth.
- Oct. 26. 41. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There is a sad spectacle about
Pembroke. this great prize. Mr. Middleton and himself have been as careful
as they can, but might overcome right.
- Oct. 26. 42. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hicke. Never saw such embezzlement
Pembroke. of 5,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* worth of goods, nothing comes to the King;
they sell it not, but give it away; wishes there may not be the
same in other places.
- Oct. 26. 43. Sir Jo. Denham to Williamson. The King bade him speak
to Lord Arlington to get a warrant to the receiver of rents at
Windsor for the repair of the castle; His Majesty thinks the best
way to begin is to put out the surveyor there [Wm. Tayleur], who
in his proportion, has cheated in a degree beyond any accountant
except Prettyman, and more than the Parliament libellers say of
others, or even suspect. The receiver's name is Dudley Reuse, and
he is to lay down 100*l.* to carry on the suit begun in the Exchequer
against him by Mr. Attorney on a *scire facias*. Wishes not to touch
the money himself, but it may be paid to the Lord Mordaunt at
Parson's Green, or to the solicitor, Mr. Gerard. [2 pages.]
- Oct. 26. 44. Fras. Topp to Williamson. Asks assistance to obtain jus-
Welbeck. tice in regard to a patent which he has passed everywhere
else by his and Lord Arlington's favour, and which is yet stopped
by the Lord Chancellor. The Duke of Newcastle wonders at it,
and hopes for Lord Arlington's second answer, which, it is feared,
his affairs makes him forget. Will not stick at money rather than
be defeated by the Lord Chancellor's delay. Endorsed "Mr. Topp,
his baronet." [2 pages.]
- [Oct. 26.] 45. Address of the House of Commons to the King, requesting
a proclamation for banishing priests and Jesuits, except those in
attendance upon the two Queens; strict orders to the judges to
execute the laws against Papists at the assizes; the disarming of all
such as refuse the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and their dis-
banding or displacement, if military or civil officers or soldiers.
[2½ pages; printed in *Commons' Journal*, Vol. viii., pp. 641-2.]
- Oct. 26. 46. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Arrival of light colliers. A
Newcastle. vessel, said to be French, laden with wine and brandy, has been put
ashore 26 miles to the north, and Sir Ralph Delavale, and a mes-
senger from the Mayor of Newcastle have gone to secure her.
- Oct. 26. 47. John Clarke to James Hicke. The Roebuck came in from
Plymouth. Ireland. Those parts are in health.
- Oct. 26. 48. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
Plymouth.

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- Oct. 26. 49. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above. Also from one dated Norwich, Oct. 24; the deaths during the week have been 75 in all; of the plague, 68.
- Oct. 27. 50. John Hill to James Hickes. The weather has been good, with
Bridlington. handsome gales of wind, and several vessels have passed both ways. No enemy's ships have been seen on the coasts.
- Oct. 27. 51. Fras. Pye to Jas. Hickes. Was from home when his letter
Morpeth. arrived. On any new election, will faithfully do his utmost to fix it upon Mr. Williamson, to answer his deserts.
- Oct. 27. 52. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The sickness is better. The
Harwich. ships are fitting for the winter guard, but the stores are not well supplied. Yesterday 27 vessels, thought to be laden colliers, passed towards the Thames, but now they and seven more are passing up on the back side of the fort. A person from Hamburg reports that the Danes have mounted guns in all their jurisdiction of the coasts on the Elbe, and especially where the ships for the Channel are obliged to come nearest the shore; he is a stout man, but he thinks no vessels should venture either in or out. Those long since designed thither are still waiting a convoy.
- Oct. 27. 53. Rich. Bower to Williamson. On the 23rd, a Dutch hoy set
Ipswich. ashore at Yarmouth 200 seamen, prisoners from Amsterdam; they were forced by ill weather to Hamburg where they left 50 to come in another vessel; the hoy was so crowded that 20 died on the passage; those who were fit to travel have set out for London. Colliers have passed northward and southward, without convoy. Is going along the coast to find or quicken correspondents for Williamson. Since the 55*l.* was paid to Mr. Wickham, has received 14*l.* 9*s.* in goods.
- Oct. 27. 54. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. Has no news, and is going to
Newcastle. the country about his own business.
- Oct. 27. 55. List of 45 vessels cleared on the Newcastle coast during the
last week. [2 *pages.*]
- Oct. 27. 56. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Milford and Paradox
Weymouth. have arrived with convoys from Guinea and Barbadoes.
- Oct. 27. 57. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There are 43 or 44 outward
Deal. bound ships in the Downs, for the West, France, and Ireland; wind E.S.E.
- Oct. 27. 58. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Col. Gilby's privateer
Hull. has sailed; hopes Williamson and Col. Gilby will speak to Lord Arlington on his business.
- Oct. ? 59. Petition of Capt. Luke Whittington to the King, for a grant of the St. Peter of Bayonne, a Greenland ship lately taken prize and brought to Hull; a ship of his worth 900*l.* was taken by Sir John Morley for the late King; fitted out ships for his Majesty at

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Dunkirk, where he was employed as agent for the fleet and maritime affairs.

Oct. 27. 60. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. There is such complaining for money, that landlords are forced to take goods for rents though cattle yield small rates; Lord Buckley [Bulkeley?] has taken 300 at least on that account.

Oct. 27. 61. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Oct. 27. 62. H. Muddiman to Sir Edw. Stradling, St. Donat's Castle, Whitehall. Glamorganshire. The sickness is abating, 8 only have died of it at Plymouth, 8 at Sarum, decrease 17, one or two at Ipswich, and 8 at Norwich. The English are said to have been forced from the Canaries, leaving their estates in the hands of Spaniards. The Commissioners for payment of seamen daily pay off great numbers who are discharged from winter service, and bring their tickets with them, and the rest are ordered by beat of drum to repair aboard. The planting of hemp is much encouraged. The Commons have answered the Lords' reasons about importing French commodities, and are settling supplies. Sir Jeremy Smith has got as much credit by his late examination as his enemies wished him disgrace, the King and Duke of York being fully satisfied of his valour in the engagement. It appears that he had 147 men killed and wounded, while the most eminent of his accusers had but two or three. Peter Ceely of Cornwall, secured on suspicion of fanaticism, refused the liberty offered him if he would give security to the deputy lieutenants. The King has ordered a proclamation in Scotland for a convocation, which differs from a parliament in that it can levy money, but makes no laws. News from Germany, Brandenburg, Holland, and Munster. Sir Rich. Browne has brought into the House of Commons knives broad and sharp, able to pierce armour, of which 300 were found in the rubbish of a house where two Frenchmen lived; they can be guessed of no use but to massacre. A proclamation and other measures are proposed, for repressing the insolencies of the Papists. [3 pages.]

Oct. 27. 63. Petition of Sir William Wale to the King, for payment of 1,597*l.*, balance due to him as purveyor of wines for the household, and for some allowance for the great delay in paying 10,000*l.* due to him in Aug. 1662, for lack of which he has had to borrow 8,000*l.* on interest. *Annexing,*

63. I. *The King to [Sir Wm. Wale]. Thanks him for his great affection in promoting his service; if God bless him, it shall be to Wale's advantage; doubts not but he and his friends best understand the way of doing what will be to the happiness of the nation. [Copy.]*

Brussels, April 8, 1660.

63. II. *Warrant from Lord Treas. Southampton to Sir Robt. Long, to pay 600*l.* of the 1,200*l.* ordered for Mr. Trelawney from the moneys payable by Davies, receiver of cos.*

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Bedford and Bucks, and 500l. of the 5,000l. payable to the cofferer for Sir Wm. Wale from the payments of Sir John Watts, receiver for cos. Essex, Hertford, and Middlesex. [Copy.] Southampton House, June 27, 1663.

63. III. *Exchequer order to Wm. Ashburnam, cofferer of the household, to pay 5,551l. 10s. 10d., to Sir Wm. Wale, for wines for the household. [Copy.] July 4, 1663.*

Oct. 27. Portsmouth. 64. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. Has taken an exact survey of the *Slothany*; with ordinary repairs she will prove a serviceable ship for three or four years; the charge would have been little less to convert her into a hulk. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

64. I. *Estimate by John Tippetts of repairs required for the Slothany; total, 1,405l. Portsmouth, Oct. 27, 1666.*

Oct. 27. Bristol. 65. Dan Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Begs an immediate order for money; Mr. Morgan the collector promises to see it satisfied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Portsmouth Dock. 66. Jo. Tinker to Sam. Pepys. Two small vessels have arrived from Weymouth, laden with hemp and canvas; the *Milford*, *Fountain*, and *Paradox* have sailed from Yarmouth [*Isle of Wight*]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Portsmouth. 67. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling account of the *Sweepstakes* and two other ships; the *Norwich* and *York* will soon be supplied; particulars of damaged provisions on board the *Sweepstakes*, requests an order for their sale; the brewhouse will be ready for use next week; the bakers continue working. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Certificates relative to Geo. Wassell, mariner; endorsed Oct. 28, 1666. [*Adm. Papers*], viz., by—

68. Col. Sir Wm. Ogle and four others, of the faithful services of the elder Geo. Wassell, late of Dibden, co. Hants, as gentleman-at-arms in the King's service, and the fidelity and loyalty of his son when forced to betake himself to sea for a necessary livelihood. Dec. 26, 1662.

69. Capt. Arthur Laugharne, of his valiant conduct as midshipman for two years on board the *Bonaventure*, and of his capacity for better employment. Oct. 28, 1665.

70. Thos. Darwyn, of the fitness of Geo. Wassell to serve as gunner or boatswain in a fifth or sixth rate frigate. Jan. 5, 1666.

Oct. 28. London. 71. James Hickes to Williamson. Complains that the Yarmouth mail, which left Ipswich 3 p.m. yesterday, did not come in till 4½ p.m.; the postmaster should be censured.

Oct. 28. Portsmouth. 72. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Fountain* sailed on Friday with the ships. Few died last week of the sickness.

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Oct. 28.
Hull.

73. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A Dantziger, laden with deals and oil, from North Bergen, says that 18 days ago there were no Holland men-of-war there, and he has seen none since, English or Dutch. The prize officers at Hull begin to clash with the Customs' officers, which will greatly injure trade; they want to make this Dantzic ship a prize, because the skipper was born at North Bergen, though she has the city's passport as a free ship belonging to Englishmen. Requests redress.

Oct. 28.
Berwick.

74. M. Scott to Williamson. The strong east winds for three weeks have made the northern coasts very tempestuous. A Swedish vessel, going to Scotland for salt, was forced up the river [Tweed]. An Ostender, laden with wine and wool, has been cast away at Dunstanburg Castle; the ship sprang a leak, and the mariners ran her ashore to save their lives. A Shields ship was also cast away near the same place. There is a command given in Scotland to call in all their privateers.

Oct. 28.
Dover.

75. Certificate by John Golder, deputy mayor of Dover, and Roger Carlisle, clerk of the passage, that Major Hen. Stanley has embarked Edw. Ryle, titular pretended primate of Armagh, on the Employment of Dover, to be transported beyond seas, according to an order from Lord Arlington of 22nd October, and that the vessel has sailed out of the harbour. Also,

Similar certificate by Dr. Samuel Hinde, incumbent of St. Mary's, Dover, that Major Stanley, whose loyalty he has known 20 years, allowed no one in the port to have access to Ryle, except as needful for his transportation, and that he was under sail for Nieuport in Flanders, 4 a.m. October 28.

Oct. 29.
Swansea.

76. Jo. Man to Williamson. No vessels having come to the harbour this month, has no news.

Oct. 29.
Sayes Court.

77. Sir Rich. Browne to Williamson. Thanks for the good effect of his kind endeavours. Sends a petition, begging him to have it rewritten, if not drawn to his mind. Will wait upon him to-morrow with the solid compliment, and begs effectual dispatch.

Oct. 29.
Weymouth.

78. John Pocock to James Hickes. Cannot as yet learn how his letter was broken up.

Oct. 29.
Norwich.

79. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news. Some fear an increase in the bill [of mortality], others not.

Oct. 29.
Lyme.

80. Ant. Thorold to Williamson. Twenty sail appeared in the bay yesterday, supposed to be bound for the plantations, and going to Plymouth to join the fleet. Six vessels have sailed with provisions for Guernsey and Jersey.

Oct. 29.
Southwold.

81. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. There have 10 or 12 light colliers come in from the south.

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Oct. 29.
London.

82: Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor, to Williamson. Thos. Verbecq's reputation has been vindicated at the sessions of peace, his adversaries being abashed at their own needless trouble given him. He earnestly prays to stand upright in Williamson and Lord Arlington's favour, that he and his friend Mr. Beverley may be free from suspicion of acting contrary to the interests of the nation. Excuses the trouble he is obliged to give by his place, which will not now last long.

[Oct. 29.]

83. Request that the King would signify his pleasure to the House of Commons to continue for three years longer the Act for repair of highways. The Solicitor General will have a bill of six lines ready in order to the said motion for Monday.

Oct. 29.
Truro.

84. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has been ill with the extraordinarily moist weather.

Oct. 29.
Lynn.

85. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Some colliers have arrived from Tynemouth, and saw no Dutch nor French ships. The town is healthful. The Portsmouth ketch is there, ready to convoy any ships going away.

Oct. 29.
Pembroke.

86. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The prize still lies there, and thinks she will do so, as long as anything is in her; other prizes are expected. There is sad news from Ireland, and the Irish perfidiousness much mistrusted.

Oct. 29.
Pembroke.

87 Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To similar effect as the former part of the above.

Oct. 29.
Royal James.

88. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. Has discharged eight superfluous ketches, hoys, and smacks, and will do so with all that can be spared, as fast as they return from the places where they were employed to carry sick men, &c.; gives their names, masters, and services rendered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 29.
Bristol.

89. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Requests a warrant for the carriage of timber from Bromyard in Herefordshire. John Birch is the fittest justice of peace to order it to be drawn to Worcester, whence the mayor might order vessels to carry it to Bristol. Gives notice of 100 loads at Compton Dundo, Somersetshire, and 40 in Berkeley Park, Gloucestershire. Wants warrants to Sir Thos. Bridges and Mr. Smith, of Nibley, justices of peace, for its carriage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30.
Deptford.

90. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Is paying off the ships; the fire-ships are so small that a boatswain and servant will be sufficient while they are in the wet dock; the Crown Regis is come to be docked in Mr. Castell's yard. Asks whether any of the ships will require sudden dispatch for the winter guard, and what to do about discharging the seamen; thinks this had better be done for ships that will not be fitted for six weeks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30.
Edinburgh.

91. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Sends the timber-merchants' answer to the Commissioners instructions; regrets the

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non-arrival of the Scots' fleet and convoy with mast and hemp ships ; but for Mr. Lyell's jealousy about payment, they might have been in London before the collier fleet that came in a month ago. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

91. I. *Thos. Falconer to the Navy Comrs. Answers their proposals concerning the sale and delivery of timber in Murray and Inverness-shire. Edinburgh, Oct. 30th, 1666.*

Oct. 30. 92. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the arrival
Plymouth. and departure of ships ; wants money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30. 93. John Maurice to Williamson. Three barks of the town arriving
Minehead. with wool, beef, butter, tallow, and hides from Ireland, without convoy, neither saw nor heard of an enemy, and are much encouraged by their success, in losing neither bark nor goods ever since the beginning of the war. Has known in the summer time 20 barks come with cattle and sheep, all safe, in a day. Good beef is sold in Ireland for $\frac{1}{2}d.$ or $\frac{3}{4}d.$ a pound, and by the quarter for a piece of eight, and 4s. a hundred weight.

Oct. 30. 94. John Clarke to James Hikes. The Paradox has brought in a
Plymouth. ship of 500 tons, laden with naval provisions for the stores. The ships which waited for wind, being six sail bound for Spain, Portugal, Virginia, Barbadoes, Ireland, Wales, &c., have put to sea with their several convoys ; fears the wind will drive them back.

Oct 30. 95. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 30. 96. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Refers Mr. Pearse to the Prize
Harwich. Comrs. in Aldersgate Street, for light about the St. Andrew, as they have all the papers. She was taken by the Revenge, was half laden with corn, and had not a man on board when delivered to him ; knows not whether she is condemned. The seven ships on the back of the fort have sailed northwards.

Oct. 30. 97. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All is quiet and the town
Portsmouth. well recovered. The Sweepstakes and two other vessels at Spithead wait orders.

Oct. 30. 98. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Five or six small colliers have
Newcastle. come in ; a small vessel has been run ashore northwards, by the ignorance of the master, but the goods saved.

Oct. 30. 99. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. Has no news.
Barnstaple.

Oct. 30. 100. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Sapphire and Forester have
Plymouth. gone to cruise in the Soundings, and to convoy home the merchant ships expected from New England, Virginia, Barbadoes, &c. The Guernsey and Eagle have gone with 30 merchant ships outward bound, and are ordered to convoy home some ships from Lisbon. There has been no frigate cruising to the west for six weeks, which

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has given such advantage to the capers that they have lately taken many merchant ships.

Oct. 30.
Whitehall.

101. Petition of the Gentlemen Ushers and Daily Waiters to the King, for allowance of board wages, from 29th September 1664 to 1st July 1665, when diet was not served, the same being allowed to cupbearers, carvers, sewers, and gentlemen ushers both of the King and Queen. With reference thereon to the [Board of Greencloth]. [*Damaged.*]

Oct. 30.

Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 223.*]

Oct. 30.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Lady Carnaby for 2,000*l.* out of such concealed poll money or contribution money as she shall discover; the King recommending it because of the loyalty of both her husbands, and her distress through the late unhappy death of Sir Thos. Carnaby. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 223.*]

Oct. 31.

Pendennis.

102. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Six or seven vessels laden with charcoal, from the Isle of Wight, have put in and gone up the river. The writer's brother-in-law, Thos. Shepherd, sends his service to Mr. Parrott, once a fellow of Oriel College.

Oct. 31.

Falmouth.

103. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Several foreign vessels have left the harbour, bound for France for the new vintage; others laden with timber and coal [charcoal] from the Isle of Wight have come in, and report the coast clear of pickeroons; also one from Southampton, to load pilchards for the Madeiras.

Oct. 31.

104. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Oct. 31.

Norwich.

105. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The weekly deaths have been 67 from all diseases, of which 58 are of plague.

Oct. 31.

Lyme.

106. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The plantation fleet increases at Plymouth, and only waits for the Londoners, who are going to them.

Oct. 31.

Weymouth.

107. John Pocock to James Hickes. There is not a speck of news in those parts.

Oct. 31.

Chester Castle.

108. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Has directed some principal persons at Holyhead and Liverpool to give a constant account of persons passing to and fro, and their errands, as far as can be discovered. During the past year many strangers have resorted to Chester, pretending to go and come from Ireland. Ordered the innkeepers to give him an account of all the persons they entertained; they refusing, told the Lord General, who bade him speak to the justices of peace to suppress those inns that refused to give in such accounts, but these inns being chiefly in the city, where the country justices have nothing to do, little obedience was given; yet there has not been such flocking of strangers as before. Will endeavour to give notice of anything that arises touching the public.

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109. Anne Disborough to Sir Thos. Clifford. Begs his patience to read the enclosed in reference to the truth of a certain story. Earnestly thanks him for his favour in procuring her husband's release at last.

Oct. 31.

110. Petition of Wenceslaus Hollar to the King, for the title of His Majesty's scenographer, with the privilege that no person may copy or cause to be copied such things as he may produce by his own study, wit, or industry,—His Majesty having had for many years a sufficient knowledge of his abilities "in designing of prospects, landscapes, cities, castles, and other things of that nature,"—also for encouragement towards finishing his map of London, some part of which His Majesty has seen, as the work, when perfected, will be a very remarkable monument and record to all posterity."

Oct. 31.

Warrant for creating Charles, second son of the Duke of York, Duke of Kendal, Earl of Wigmore, and Baron of Holdenby. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 263.*]

[Oct. 31.]

111. Presentation of Rich. Heylin to the prebend in Christ Church, Oxford, void by death of Dr. John Wall. Also, Congé d'élire and letter recommendatory for Dr. John Dolben, Dean of Westminster, to the bishopric of Rochester, void by death of Dr. Warner. Minutes.

Oct. 31.

Entries of the above two documents. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 263.*]

Oct. 31.

Grant of a yearly pension of 300*l.* to Lady Elizabeth Clinton, dresser to the Queen. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 271.*]

Oct. 31.

Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe to pay 32*l.* 5*s.*, for two years' livery, and to allow a yearly livery to Dr. Wm. Child, in place of Hen. Ferabosco, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31.
Royal Charles.

112. Judge Advocate Fowler to the Navy Comrs. Represents the case of his son, Ludovique Fowler, lately discharged from the Royal Sovereign, where he served the writer as clerk, and entered on board the Cambridge as seaman; begs that the residue of his salary, at 30*l.* per annum, as clerk on board the Sovereign, may be paid. He behaved well in two engagements with the Dutch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31.

113. Chris. Coles to Sam. Pepys. Must sink under the burthen of debts contracted for the Navy, unless some money can be paid immediately; his bills now amount to 7,000*l.*; various bargains of timber have been lost for want of ready money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31.

114. Report of loans from the stores to 16 merchant ships at Harwich and Dover, from May 1 to Oct. 31, 1666, with their valuation. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Oct?

115. Petition of some Merchants of London to the King, for passes for English officers, foreign seamen, and jobbers to proceed with the present convoy to Cadiz and Barbary in their two vessels, which have attended the royal navy this summer's expedition, and are lately discharged.

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116. Petition of Capt. Phil. Kennedy, late of the Duke of Ormond's regiment beyond seas, to the King, for the place or pension of the late Capt. Chapman, of Pendennis Castle. Served in France and Flanders till the reducement at Mardike, and then at Portsmouth garrison, but going over to Ireland, with leave of absence, to recover his lost estate, had his allowance taken from him. Served since at sea, under Prince Rupert, till the ship was brought into harbour, and now has no livelihood.

Oct.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Commission to Rob. Huntington, Rich. Kingdom, Jo. James, and Wm. Forth, to be governors of excise in London, Middlesex, Surrey, and Southwark, exercising judicial powers only, the ministerial being in the hands of the farmers who are to receive all the fines, paying the governors 2,000*l.* a year.

Note that Sir William Swan, resident with the cities of Lubec, Hamburg, and Bremen, has 2*l.* a day from Michaelmas, 1666, besides the bills allowed by the Secretaries. [*Domestic Corresp.*, June 1666, Vol. 160, No. 126*.]

Oct.

Whitehall.

117–120. Four passes for vessels set forth on the account and at the risk of Sir Wm. Davidson, Bart., gentleman of the privy chamber, and the King's Commissioner at Amsterdam; viz., the Elizabeth, Town of Leyden, and Fortune, bound for Barbadoes, the House of Nassau and for [New] York.

[Oct.]

Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to issue writs for certifying into Chancery the names of the Irish nobility resident in England, together with their several taxations towards the eight entire subsidies. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 250.]

Oct. ?

121. Warrants to — Lowman, keeper of the Marshalsea, to deliver — Humes to Hen. Hall; to Hall to convey him to the Tower; and to the Lieutenant of the Tower to keep him in safe custody. Minutes.

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122. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to Sir Wm. Coventry. Capt. Symonds, of the Assurance, lately sent on shore for the benefit of his health, is now recovered, but another being appointed to his ship, he is recommended to the next command. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct.

Portsmouth.

123. Account by John Shale and Wm. Thorowgood of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned from ships at Portsmouth during October. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct.

Plymouth.

124. Account by Sa. Langford of casks, &c., returned from ships at Plymouth; with schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted

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to eight ships at Plymouth, during September and October, 1666.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct.
Deptford.

125. Estimate by Edw. Rundells for building a house crane in the dockyard, Harwich, like that at Woolwich; total, 392*l.* 7*s.*
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct.

126. "A roll of the Peers of the kingdom of England, according to their births, creations, and offices," marked by [Williamson] "as they now stand in Oct. 1666." [3½ *pages.*]

Oct.

127. Advertisement that Thos. Hulbert, of Rowdon, near Chippenham, passing near Corsham on September 24, at 8 p.m., was requested to hold open a gate for a party of 120 or 140 horsemen, with drawn swords and well mounted, whom he thought to be the King's horse, but wondered at their riding so silently and with drawn swords; also testimony of his son, Thos. Hulbert, of Easton, parish of Corsham, that he knew, from his father's account, that the horse could not have been the King's horse, not being warned to attend himself; also that they did not ride through Chippenham or other parts, and he heard a report of such a party being seen near Bideston, and acquainted Col. Jas. Long, [that it might be enquired into.

[Oct.]

128. Statement by John Smith that in September 1665, and since, many sick and wounded men were set ashore at Margate, and no provision made for their reception; the commissioners' agents at Deal and Dover refused to meddle with them, so he took charge of them, and was paid therefore when the Deal accounts were settled six months ago, and desired to continue his care, but Mr. Talbor, agent, and Mr. Bullock, surgeon of Dover, now forbid this; desires continuance in the employment, as during the last thirteen months; has no pay unless there be sick and wounded men there, Margate not being in the list for a surgeon; only three have died under his charge; has been vigilant and careful; thinks Talbor and Bullock raise false reports about him, because they have no benefit from him, he having little for himself.

Oct.?

129. Reasons why stock fish, which is caught and cured in Ireland without salt, and is the only fish that will bear long voyages, should still be imported, though prohibited in the Act against importation of Irish cattle and foreign fish. [*Printed.*]

Oct.?

130. Reasons offered to Parliament to prove that the prohibition of import of Irish cattle is prejudicial to the revenues in point of customs; to the land owners, because stock cannot be raised; to navigation, as 400 ships were employed in the import, and to English trade in general. [*Printed.*]

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Nov. 1. 1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Reserve is ordered to Dept-
Harwich. ford or Woolwich to be refitted. Is sorry for the sad issue of the
difference between Sir Rob. Holmes and Sir Jer. Smith.

Nov. 1. 2. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above.

Nov. 1. 3. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The coasts are clear of pickeroons;
Aldborough. 30 colliers have passed southward; a man-of-war, supposed an enemy,
appeared, but durst not venture on them.

Nov. 1. 4. Jo. Man to Williamson. There is not any one vessel in the
Swansea. harbour to afford any coast trade of coal, which is more than could
be said for many years past, but better things are hoped.

Nov. 1. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. One of two Swedish ships
Portsmouth. come in with deals met 18 Dutch men-of-war off Newcastle, but
pretending to be bound for Bourdeaux, was let go by them, and also
by three or more privateers he met next day. The other met a
French privateer, pretending to be an English man-of-war, which,
when she refused to say where she was bound, plundered her of
clothes and provisions, but the Swallow, cruising off the coast of
France, relieved and brought her in. The Swallow's commander
saw 18 great ships off the French shore, some bound westward. On
Monday the Portsmouth waggons were robbed at Redhill, near
Ripley, 20 miles from London, by nine horsemen, who staved all
trunks and chests in search of money, but met with none. They
carried away a great deal of goods on their horses.

Nov. 1. 6. H. Muddiman to George Powell, comptroller, Pembroke. News-
Whitehall. letter. The King has written to the Commissioners in Scotland to call
a convention. The plague decreases at Norwich. News from Germany,
Holland, Munster, and Flanders. The King is desired to issue a
proclamation to banish seminary priests in 30 days, put the san-
guinary laws against Papists in execution, and give commissions to
disarm all suspected persons who refuse the Oaths of Allegiance and
Supremacy; these oaths are to be given again to the Members of
Parliament, officers, and soldiers of the army, and the King's house-
hold, who will also be required to take the Sacrament. On the
29th, Alderman Bolton, the new lord mayor, was sworn in at
the Exchequer bar, where they seemed as hearty though not so
numerous as before the fire; all the companies were excused
attendance, except those of the two lord mayors and two sheriffs,
who went to and from Westminster in coaches. The House of
Lords committed the Earl of Ossory to the Tower for challenging
the Duke of Buckingham, and the Duke to the Black Rod for
accepting the challenge, but they have since been liberated. The
Canary Company's patent is voted a grievance and a monopoly in
the House of Commons, and the Lords' concurrence is desired in a
request to the King to recall it. His Majesty has sent to quicken

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the House in forwarding the supplies, and other business is postponed till this is completed. At Dover 40 or 50 die in a week of the plague, and it increases at Canterbury, but Ipswich is free, and only four died at Colchester. The report of the loss of 18 colliers proves false, but a squadron of Dutchmen is suspected to be on the Dogger to guard the fishermen. The western coast is free from pickeroons. A French merchantman of 400 tons, laden with wines, was forced ashore near Newcastle, and is seized as a prize. The Dutch are fitting out a winter guard of 20 ships, and land forces are sent into Friezland. The players, on pretence of giving one day in the week to the poor, had gained liberty to act publicly, till the King prohibited them, on representation by the Archbishop of Canterbury of the afflicted state of the city. It was thought that Sir Rob. Holmes was killed in a duel with Sir Jeremy Smith, till their appearance yesterday in Westminster Hall undeceived the people. On October 31, 6 lords and 12 commoners waited on the King to request proclamations against Papists, and the prohibiting the import of French commodities. A commission is appointed to report what foreign commodities will best bear an excise. The States General will enter into no treaty unless their allies be included, and therefore have ordered their 12 great ships to be ready against the spring; those which continued abroad are to be called in, and others to go in their places. [3 pages.]

Nov. 1. 7. R. M. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Another prize has been
Edinburgh. taken. Advises him to call on the Lord Commissioner, who has a kindness for him and is coming to Court. A change or addition to the Scottish officers of state is talked of.

Nov. 1. 8. Petition of [Capt.] Richard Brett to the King, that he may
continue to receive the annuity of 250*l.* granted him in lieu of the import of 50 tons of logwood, on the passing of the Act for permitting import of logwood at 5*l.* a ton customs; Sir John Shaw and the other patentees for the farm of customs on logwood refuse to pay it, because the war lessens their profits.

Nov. 1. 9. John Tinker to Sam. Pepys. The Swallow ketch has brought
Portsmouth in a Swede, who has between 5,000 or 6,000 deals of the best
Dock. sort, and another Swede has the like quantity; they ask very dear and ready money, viz., 9*l.* per 100; believes they will become cheaper. Ordered the skipper not to sell them till he knew whether the Navy Comrs. would buy them. The shipwrights work slowly. [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 1. 10. Capt. Rich. Goodlad to the Navy Comrs. Understands that
Harwich. the number of men allowed to fifth-rates has been reduced. Commanded the Pembroke, and was allowed 145 men, as expressed in his press warrants. His frigate is little inferior to the best of her rate, being mounted with 36 pieces of ordnance. Has not received an order to shorten the complement of men, but asks how many they will allow. Is yet repairing, but hastes to get into the Rolling Ground. [Adm. Paper.]

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Nov. 1. 11. Will. Davies to the Navy Comrs. The ship is hauled
The Coronation, ashore; hopes to be ready to take in the guns and provisions by
Woolwich. Monday or Tuesday next. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. 12. Report of the surveyors, William Wood, Simon Nichol, and
Hen. Teddeman, on the state of the St. Andrew at Rye. They think
her unfit to be repaired, or to be ventured to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. 13. Thos. Cutler to the Navy Comrs. Received no money on
London. two bills of exchange for 3,000*l.* charged on them by Patrick Lyell,
before 16 Oct. last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. 14. J. Pearse to Mr. Hayter. Asks him to send the bills to the
Covent Garden. Hall for Surgeons for eight ships mentioned. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. 15. James Carkesse and Nathaniel Whitfield to the Navy Comrs.
Ticket Office. John Goodwin, one of the muster masters of the fleet, sent the
muster books of each ship of his squadron to their office. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

Nov. 2. 16. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is so grievously
Portsmouth. dunned for money for goods delivered into the stores that it takes
away the comfort of his life. The poor people are crying and
wringing their hands, for several are arrested and must go to prison,
and their wives and children perish. Has been forced to borrow
money to pay for part of the goods before brought in, which he cannot
repay. Will not be able to find credit for 5*s.* worth for the future.
"No man can have any comfort in his life that is put to make bricks
without straw; neither can any man preserve his reputation, and
therewith his prince or people, when business he is intrusted with
must be at a stand for want of materials, or that which should pro-
mote" it, nor will any man for the future run the risk of his own
time to buy anything on promise. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

16. i. *Account of provisions coming into the stores, for which
Comr. Middleton has engaged to pay ready money, and
more daily coming in; total, 2,766*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.**

Nov. 2. 17. Journal by Mr. Tooker of his review of the condition of the
crew and stores of 35 vessels lying between Erith and the Tower
Wharf, most of which are discharging or have discharged their guns
and stores. Nov. 1 and 2. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Nov. 2. 18. Rice Freeman to Mr. Hayter. Asks him to let John Daven-
port receive his extra necessary money for the Hampshire. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

Nov. 2. 19. Account by John Shales of credit given to the pursers of
Portsmouth Port. five ships named for provisions left at their victualling. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

Nov. 2. 20. Sam. Martin, purser of the East India London, to Sam.
Navy Office. Pepys. Solicits an order to the victualler to receive his provisions,
as he refuses to do so without one; also a letter to Mr. Lewis,

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who is much offended because he forced a hoy on hoard that was bound down to another merchant ship; other vessels had done the like with a hoy that was ordered for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. 21. Capt. Thos. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Has been very much
Victory Prize, importuned by the wives of Abraham Billinton and Robert Knight,
Harwich. quartermasters, discharged from the Eagle. The purser has lost their tickets, of which notice was given to the office; begs new ones, their wants being great. [*Adm. Paper*]

Nov. 2. Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exche-
Whitehall. quer of the petition of Henry Earl of St. Alban's for a lease of Oatlands Park for 21 years, in reversion after the Queen-Mother, who has a lease thereof for life. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 224.*]

Nov. 2. 22. John Clarke to James Hicke. The fleet of merchantmen is
Plymouth. still there, but no other ships have arrived.

Nov. 2. 23. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
Plymouth.

Nov. 2. 24. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Mermaid and Paradox have
Plymouth. brought in 20 sail from the Downs, and the Fountain, with eight richly laden merchant ships, has sailed for Cadiz. The Guinea ships, and those bound for London, Virginia, &c., wait a fair wind.

Nov. 2. 25. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A small vessel broke cable and
Yarmouth. drifted ashore whilst the men were asleep; they were saved, but it was lost. Capt. Taylor of Harwich says he corresponds with none but Williamson. Mr. Brown of Aldborough is not a little proud of his commission for the prizes of that port, and other favours received from Williamson.

Nov. 2. 26. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends an account from one of
Newcastle. the masters of the Trinity House. The ship taken and one of those put ashore belonged to Newcastle.

Nov. 2. 27. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Col. Gilby reports that
Hull. he has been with Williamson to Lord Arlington about moneys due to the writer, whereas Williamson writes that he has not seen the colonel since he came to London. A vessel from Ostend reports eight light colliers taken, and two put ashore south of the Humber, by a Dutch man-of-war of 10 or 12 guns, one of the colliers taken having the same number of guns. Two vessels from Quinborough, laden with flax, have arrived, coming from Gottenburg with the King's Kitson.

Nov. 2. 28. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. Wonders that the intelligence
Pembroke. about the prize should come from Minehead, when he has written about it so often.

Nov. 2. 29. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.

Nov. 2. 30. James Hicke to Williamson. Mellichamp, the letter carrier,
Letter Office. says the reason why he took back the Countess Dowager of Thomond's
London. letter was, that at Lady Anderton's, where it is addressed, they owed

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him 6*d.*, and would not pay; reproved him for so doing, as the Countess herself owed him nothing; he is passionate, and a sharp reproof would do him good, for Sir Phil. Frowde has often threatened to dismiss him; thinks Sir Philip should know of his insolence in carrying away the Countess's letter. Has given him in special charge a letter to Mr. Feltham from Lord Byron.

Nov. 2. 31. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 2. 32. List of 38 prisoners in the Tower, viz., Rob. Wallop, Col. Downes, Major-Gen. Butler, Major Daberon, Col. Duckenfield, Major Dewy, Thos. Le Marchant, Major Gouge, Nath. Desborough, Rice Vaughan, Major-Gen. Desborough, Major Hulmes, Thos. Dell, sen. and jun., Capt. Isaac Taylor, Clement Ireton, Capt. Baynes, Beaumont and Knevett Hastings, Michael Gunning, John Fenner, Abraham Goodman, Wm. Casswell, Thomas and Joseph Frank, Capt. Roger Jones, Rob. Joplin, Thos. Rose, John Atkinson, Thos. Fletcher, John Webb, John Man *alias* Dawson, Wm. Pride, Rich. Kingston, Owen Baxter, Chas. Bayly, Robt. Goodall and Rich. Sandford.

Nov. 2. Deal. 33. Ri. Watts to Williamson. After 20 days' rain, good weather has returned, wind chiefly S.S.E.; one or two ships, said to be Dutch, are daily seen at the back of the Goodwin. Several seamen returning from London complain of gross abuse by the paymasters at the pay house; dares not repeat what and of whom they speak.

Nov. 3. Bridlington. 34. John Bower to James Hickes. A Holland man-of-war came up with 22 sail of light colliers, took 4 and chased 3 others ashore on the Lincolnshire coast. Another caper has appeared in sight.

Nov. 3. Boston. 35. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Nov. 3. Harwich. 36. S. T[aylor] to James Hickes. An Ostender has been driven in, but brings no news; the weather is troublesome, wind S. and S.E., blowing very hard. Will take care of Mrs. Marbury's business.

Nov. 3. Coventry. 37. R. H[ope] to Williamson. Thursday being All Saints' Day, the new mayor was sworn in at St. Mary's Hall, and made his public feast, with as much plenty as gallantry, several of the quality and gentry near being present; he much outdid the former mayor, whose feast only consisted of four, and this of at least 40 complete messes of meat. There have been fires at Rugby and Coleshill, but not much damage. The dead-hearted clothiers are pricking up their ears, expecting a trade, so much so that the clothworkers and dyers have not been so much employed for 20 years. Knows not the ground of their hopes, but prays they may be answered, clothing being the only support of the city.

Nov. 3. Weymouth. 38. John Pocock to James Hickes. Asks what those apparitions were which were seen over London.

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Nov. 3.
Bristol.

39. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. Ships are ready to sail for Virginia, Barbadoes, and Nevis; at the latter place they are in great fear of the enemy; they want ammunition, and have to be on duty every third night; the King might send a good quantity of soldiers to reinforce them, on this fleet of ships. Seditious reports, too false to be repeated, are spread, and pass for authentic amongst the ruder multitude. The justices being very remiss, has tried to trace some of the reports; finds that the information is received from London, and the authors might be discovered if the post letters were sometimes perused.

Nov. 3.
Whitehall.

40. Henry Muddiman to Sir Edw. Stradling, St. Donat's Castle, Cardiff. News-letter. Partial copy of his letter of Nov. 1. Beside the ships building in the river, one is preparing at Harwich larger than the Rupert. The House of Commons are so zealous against the Papists that they have ordered all their members to receive the Sacrament to-morrow week, the House to be called over meanwhile, and any member who fails to appear to be taken into custody by the serjeant-at-arms. Two Rye vessels were forced aground by five or six pickeroons, but these cannot long keep their station, because of the care taken to clear them. A Tangiers vessel, seeking for prizes, took three French ships near Malaga, laden with fruit, wine, &c., and forced two others ashore. News from Spain, Sweden, and Bremen. In Holland the provinces are all summoned to pay their arrears, the States being at a pinch for money. [3 pages.]

Nov. 3.

Declaration [by Lord Arlington]. The King, having maturely considered the charges brought against Sir Rob. Holmes by Sir Jeremy Smith, finds no cause to suspect Sir Robert of cowardice in the fight with the Dutch of June 25 and 26, but thinks that on the night of the 26th, he yielded too easily to the opinion of his pilot, without consulting those of the other ships, muzzled his ship, and thus obliged the squadron to do the same, and so the enemy, which might have been driven into the body of the King's fleet, then returning from the pursuit, was allowed to escape. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 264.*]

[Nov. 3.]

41. Draft of the above [by Sir Wm. Coventry].

Nov. 3.
Antwerp.

42. Astrea [Aphara Behn to Lord Arlington]. Came over on his lordship's business. No person in the world but herself could have drawn him [Scott] to the service. Has written constantly, begging for encouragement for him and for supplies, but could get no answers. For want of money, [Scott] can neither get at his papers nor go to the Hague; has sent copies of his letters from the prison where he lies, and now dares not write to Scott, having fooled him so long. Is in debt and extreme want herself, and as encouragement for her service, is likely to lose all her things and be put into prison; has pawned her rings and all she had; begs not to be ruined and disgraced in a strange place; entreats help for a poor stranger, whose life or death is in his hands. [4 pages.]

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Nov. 3.
Sheerness.

43. Sir Wm. Penn to Comr. Peter Pett. Is glad to hear he has so many ships clean; no time must be lost in hastening the Yarmouth, Warspite, and Leopard, for almost all the rest of the squadron are fully victualled and ready at the Nore. The Crown Malaga is there, and is the only ship the victualler has to do all his business in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 3.
The Warspite,
Chatham.

44. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Sends his lieutenant for payment of the men's tickets for the Nightingale and Elizabeth. Asks them to pass the bill for rigging the Warspite. Has proposed to Sir Wm. Coventry that there should attend the squadron two fire-ships, two ketches, a fly-boat to carry water, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 4.
Plymouth.

45. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Departure of ships for Virginia, Barbadoes, and New England. The Martin sailed with several convoys for Wales. The Mermaid is attending her convoy for Dublin, and the Roebuck with several convoys waiting a fair wind for the Downs. Will send muster books and accounts of victualling by next post. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 4.
Portsmouth.

46. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Milford has returned from convoying vessels to Plymouth, and reports the coast clear of pickeroons. A Swedish vessel, laden with deals, is driven ashore, and in danger of being lost. As pipe staves are permitted to be exported, asks if clapboards may not be exported also.

Nov. 4.

47. James Hicke to Williamson. Sends what has come by the Yarmouth mail, which arrived after 8,—a little amendment.

Nov. 4.
York.

48. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. An Ostender, bound for Bridlington, has been driven into Whitby. She had four Newcastle passengers put on board by an Amsterdam privateer, who took the William, a Newcastle collier, off Boston Deep.

Nov. 4.
Falmouth.

49. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. An Ostender from Ireland reports that no pilchards are taken there, but many herrings, which are sold at a great rate, because salt is so dear. A Dartmouth vessel, bound for Virginia, was obliged to leave the fleet of 80 sail and 6 convoys, having broken her mast, and will have to go back to Plymouth to furnish herself. Wants the declaration of the war with Denmark.

Nov. 4.
Berwick.

50. John Stanton, for M. Scott, to Williamson. A Danish man-of-war, laden with ammunition and bound for Holland, spent her masts and was driven ashore on the north of Scotland, at Peterhead. The captain preserved his own and the seamen's lives by making signs to the fishermen, who came near in boats, that he would surrender if they would bring the vessel in, which they did.

Nov. 4.
Hull.

51. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A Brandenburg vessel has put in, driven by contrary winds, and needs repair. She came from Norway, and met no vessel in her course except a Holland caper near the Humber. She is laden with deals for the King.

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Nov. 5. 52. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above.
- Nov. 5. 53. John Pocock to James Hickes. A private man-of-war has
Weymouth. been fitted from that port, which will probably often bring news from sea.
- Nov. 5. 54. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival of vessels. The French
Pendennis. fleet is said to be in Havre de Grace, and also several Dutch laden vessels, which intend to come through the Channel. Sends a letter from Col. Buller of Scilly.
- Nov. 5. 55. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Has just returned from
Lyme. church, where the day has been solemnly observed. Several parties of seamen have passed along returning from the fleet, with their pockets full of money, saying they are wholly paid off, and are very willing to return again, thus confuting the allegations of many runaways, who gave out that there was no pay to be had. Will try another year to prevent any such fellows skulking about.
- Nov. 5. 56. James Hickes to Williamson. The house of Mr. John Digby, son of Sir Kenelm Digby, and a strong papist, living near Stony Stratford, has been searched, and 300 arms found. They were not taken away, but he took it so ill that he went away in his coach and six horses, with only his coachman and postilion, and is supposed to be gone for Ireland, as his coach and servants returned. May be blamed for his necessary complaints of defects of the postmaster of Witham and others, but only tells the truth, and wishes not to interfere with those above him. Begs direction for the future.
- Nov. 5. 57. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The prize still lies, and will do
Pembroke. as long as the King has anything on board. There is nothing left between decks.
- Nov. 5. 58. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Nov. 5. 59. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Arrival of ships; one was that
Deal. formerly given to Sir Thos. Allin, who is going for Dungeness to sweep for anchors and cables.
- Nov. 5. 60. "Advices received," being memoranda from letters calendared above, and also news from Paris, Flanders, Venice, and Genoa.
- Nov. 5. 61. Henry Bromley to Mrs. Foxcroft. Apologizes for not having
Upton-upon-Severn. been to see Lord Conway and enquire of my lady's welfare and the family. The depth of winter could not keep his wife from Ragley if she could be useful to Lady Conway in her sad condition; hopes she has learned to glory in tribulation. Religious advice on the endurance of affliction. The writer's brother lost 30*l.* worth of books, mostly Greek and Hebrew, in the great fire. Some apprehend a third fire, more dreadful than the former. Censures the visionary phantasies which apprehend all things as prophetic. His brother left Oxford when he was to have been elected fellow of

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All Souls, as kinsman to the founder, expecting to be called by God to preach the Gospel; he is a great lover of the Scriptures in their original. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Nov. 5.
Truro.

62. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A Truro vessel coming from Madeira, laden with wine, met a Dutch caper off Scilly, which carried her into Flushing; four vessels have arrived from the Isle of Wight, with charcoal for the blowing houses, and hogshead timber.

Nov. 5.
Swansea.

63. Jo. Man to Williamson. Those countries are healthy and peaceable.

Nov. 5.
Chester Castle.

64. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. Hears that the House of Commons have ordered that all members absent on a certain day be taken into custody of the serjeant-at-arms. Is only absent to attend to the necessary repairs of the castle, and bring up the accounts thereof, for the workmen are so remiss that they will do little but when he is looking over them. Hopes that Lord Arlington will make his excuses.

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65. Petition of Sir Philip Manwaring to the King, for the mastership of Sutton's Hospital, in case Sir Ralph Sydenham,—who is very ill, and advised him to seek the reversion of it, should die,—that he may have a place to retire to, after 55 years' service at court. With order thereon, granting the petition.

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Nov. 5.
Dover.

66. Fr. Hosier to the Navy Comrs. The provisions shipped on board the Thomas of Dover, to be sent to the St. Andrew and Happy Return at Rye, are not yet gone, the master being afraid to sail without a convoy; has sent to Mr. Gauden to procure one, the Drake in harbour being tallowed. Asks that the letters of credit may be enlarged, lest the beer should fall short. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

66. I., II. *Schedules of letters of credit for provisions granted to the Happy Return and Drake, October and November, 1666.*

66. III. *Account of casks, iron hoops, &c., received into the victualling stores at Dover, between 1st October and 30th November, from 23 ships named.*

Nov. 5.
Bristol.

67. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Has bought 400 loads of timber at Bromyard, Herefordshire, belonging to John Barnabie, justice of the peace. John Birch, also a justice of the peace, is more eminent for ordering timber to be drawn to Worcester, and the mayor of that place for ordering trows and other vessels for the carriage to Bristol. There are a hundred loads in Somersetshire, six miles from Bristol; Sir Thos. Bridges is a justice of the peace near the place; also about 40 loads in Berkeley Park, Gloucestershire, and Mr. Smith of Nibley is a justice near that place. Asks for warrants to carry the timber to the water side. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 5. 68. Capt. Wm. Mintern to Mr. Hayter. Sends his book of the
John and Sarah, Land of Promise. Wants 30 blank tickets for his men, and one of
Blackstakes. them filled up for himself as captain. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 5.
Seaton.

69. Sir Ralph Delavale to Sir Wm. Coventry. Recommends the
bearer, Robinson, for employment; he has been mate and pilot in the
Franakin and knows the northern and southern coast. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

Nov. 6.
Edinburgh.

70. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. At the bargaining
of the hemp, Mr. Lyell would not allow him to appear in it, as that
would prejudice the King's service; details Lyell's underhand dealings
with the owners of the goods; endeavoured that he should ship
them since he had drawn his bills on their honours; had nothing to do
with his accounts. Promised the King and Duke of York never to
fail in his loyalty, &c. Hopes if he dies not rich, he shall die loyal
and honest. Was involved, during his absence, in the King and his
blessed father's service, and beseeches them to answer his bill for
services, and to let him know the amount of his salary, having
spent largely in paying his agents. The Dane that came to Peter-
head had 28 brass guns; the captain saw his admiral and vice-
admiral sink in the storm. The Crown of England, a Scots' vessel,
worth 4,000*l.* English, which was taken by a Frenchman, is wrecked
at Coquet Island; another French ship, with salt and packs of linen,
at Banff; a vessel cast away at Shetland; another of 6 guns and
1,000 bars of iron taken at Bresa Sound. Capt. Binning has a
great prize with oaken timber, knapholt, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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71. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Estimates the repairs of
the Ruby at 499*l.* 19*s.* Desires a warrant to proceed with the
works. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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72. Journal by [John] Tooker of ships and vessels at Sheerness,
Nov. 4 to 6. Sir Wm. Penn will give the Navy Comrs. an account
of the capacities of certain ships named. About 12 victualling
ships are full of provisions at the Swale. The hoys and ketches
are all discharged by Sir Wm. Penn. The Mary ketch from
Gottenburg was on the 4th instant in the Lee Road, and reports
the fleet well there.

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Pitch house.

73. Journal by John Tooker of his proceedings with the Golden
Hart and Golden Fox prizes, laden with masts and deals. Has
delivered the balks and spars lying between decks to Mr. Stockdale.
The two waiters on board can give no particulars, and will not
permit unloading without orders from the Prize Officers. Desires
the Navy Comrs. to inform the Prize Officers, that he is appointed
to receive the goods; an officer should deliver them by tale, that an
inventory might be signed by the clerk of the stores at Deptford.
Men are required to unload them or carry them to Deptford.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

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Portsmouth.

74. Jno. Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. Has received warrants for
repair of the Slothany, and an order for an account of the loans.

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The York has had much more work performed on her than was intended ; she will be ready as to carpenter's work in 14 days. Has set hands on the new work ; lost many men by death, and several are sick and weak, and complain of the want of necessaries. The pay intended them will help to pay part of their debts, but they will still have to supply themselves on credit at double charge. Refused them liberty to petition, and bade them not doubt but care would be taken of them. The account of loans will be sent by next post. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6.
Plymouth.

75. S. Langford to the Navy Comrs. Sends his accounts for September and October as the others were defective. The victualler's agent has not signed his account for casks, but requests them to get Mr. Gauden's order for his so doing. The Roebuck and Paradox are in harbour, bound for the east ports, with some merchantmen under their convoy. The Forester and Sapphire are gone to their station, five leagues beyond the Lizard, where they expect some merchantmen homeward bound. The Guernsey and Eagle have been in harbour five weeks, attending for the Duke of York ; other merchantmen bound for the south-west have been twice driven back. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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76. List of tickets delivered to Rich. Cotton and Wm. Inson for 18 men named, belonging to the Elizabeth and Speedwell. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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77. Account by Sir Wm. Batten of the materials and provisions wanting to send the fleet to sea next spring, and to fit the new ships building. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Ipswich.

78. Andrew Crawley to the Navy Comrs. The provisions of the Adventure, Pembroke, Garland, and Francis are all shipped. The Reserve frigate has taken in 14 days' victuals, and is ordered for the Thames. They brew less than they used to do, by reason of the frigates taking in but small quantities of beer, but keep on baking and killing oxen and hogs. The coopers continue making casks. There is no want of oatmeal in lieu of fish, or butter, and cheese. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

78. I. *Account of casks, iron hoops, and biscuit bags received from 18 ships named in October.* Ipswich.

78. II. *Schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted to 5 ships named in October.* Ipswich.

Nov. 6.
Dover.

79. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Drake is tallowed and victualled, but is very rotten, and more fit for a dry dock. A vessel has come into the Downs, sent by Sir Thos. Allin to weigh the anchors lost off Dungeness ; fears it will be to little purpose, being so far off ; cannot get men to go out with the boats ; forced men will do little good and bring a great charge. They say they cannot take an anchor into the vessel sent by Sir Thomas. They must keep their rendezvous at Rye, if they can recover that

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harbour, for there they may be out and at work the same tide Will deliver their letter and warrant to Col. Jno. Strode, on his return from London. Gave the Serjeant of the Admiralty a certificate for a Flemish long boat, and sent it on board the Foresight, when she and the Ruby prize passed the town. Asks for payment of arrears. The imprest bill for 200*l.* is not yet paid; the workmen are very unwilling to work without ready money. The men who go out in the sweeping boats will expect their victuals from the frigates, being a great way from home.

Nov. 6.
Whitehall.

80. [H. Muddiman to —]. News-letter. Yesterday, being gunpowder treason day, the ministers in the several parishes, and especially the Bishop of Winchester at Whitehall, set forth the practices of the Papists on that occasion, showing that they still retain the same principles. Several vessels have been taken by pickeroons on the eastern coast; 15 sail of French privateers lie off Ostend, to attend the coming of the Flemish fleet from London. The House has been busy about supplies, and several proposals have been made; the business is not how to raise 1,800,000*l.* but how to raise it so speedily as to answer the King's needs. The Duke of Buckingham and Earl of Ossory have specified their reconciliation to the King and to the House of Peers, and have ended their difference in evidences of great affection. The sickness has almost left Portsmouth, but it is feared that it has got over to Newport, in the Isle of Wight. [2 pages, imperfect.]

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Note of [Roger] Tows's discharge from the Gatehouse. Minute. [Ent. Book 23, p. 273.]

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81. Petition of Dalton Clarke to Lord Arlington, for pardon and discharge for his brother, John Pengelly, postmaster of Witham, Essex, who was summoned before his lordship for neglect. Will ride with the boy, and take especial care of the sending away of packets in future.

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Whitehall.

82. Petition of Henry Philpot to the King, for the fee-farm of Norley Thornes, 70 acres, separated by 4 miles from the New Forest, Hampshire, but adjoining his manor of Norley. Was promised satisfaction for relinquishing his right of inheritance in the forests of Finckley and Dole, co. Hants, possessed by his ancestors 300 years, on their disafforestation. Suffered much for loyalty, and lost most of his remaining estate in the late dreadful fire in London. With reference thereon to Lord Treasurer Southampton, his reference, Dec. 20, 1666, to the verderers and woodward of the forest, to report on the value of the land, and whether there be any ship timber standing; and his final report against the petitioner, his lordship opposing any grants, in fee farm, and the lands, though only worth 500*l.*, lying in the forest.

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Entry of the above reference, dated Nov. 7. [Ent. Book 18, p. 225.]

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Eggleston.

83. Christopher Sanderson to Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart. It is infused among the fanatics that there was an absolute intention to

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bring in popery; there is a design in the south, which is to be speedily executed, before which the others will not stir. John Cock, the steward of Raby Castle, is a very dangerous person; he has lately been to Horncastle, in Lincolnshire; he has written to his wife that if the Act of Conformity pass, no honest man can avoid it, but must either shift or suffer all, but he thinks that it will be stifled in the birth,—the division which it has occasioned in the Houses being so great,—and that God will send a Babel among them, even when they are building a tower of uniformity. This Cock is steward over all Lady Vane's courts, and all those parts were corrupted by Sir Hen. Vane's leaven; as long as he continues steward, the tenants will never be reformed.

Nov. 6.
Dover.

84. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Lord [Arlington]. Complains of a horrid oppression practised by the convoys for the laden colliers of Newcastle; they demand convoy money, and if refused, press the colliers' men, so as to disable them from setting to sea; thus they are forced to compliance. Also the convoys will not sail when required, and two of these convoys, the Sophia and Little Victory, are now prolonging time, whilst 150 laden sail are waiting.

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Deal.

85. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Capt. Poole has sent to Sandwich gaol a man who shot his friend in jest. The rain much troubles the country people; there have only been two or three fair days the last month. Letters come badly to hand, being often sent to Canterbury or Dover.

Nov. 6.
Newcastle.

86. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends a letter from a merchant of the town, a friend of Alderman Bautry of York. Many of Newcastle will lose much in Mr. Bee's vessel that was taken [the William of Newcastle]; the ships put ashore are much damaged, but whole, and have saved most of their goods. Hopes some care will be taken for a laden fleet of colliers, which is wearied out in waiting for a convoy. *Encloses,*

86. I. J. J. to Rich. Forster. *A ship of Nycopen has arrived from Stockholm, laden with iron, for Alderman Bautry of York; she was taken near Whitby, 11 weeks ago, brought to Horne in Holland, but cleared after eight weeks, her passes being authentic. She reports 24 great Holland ships now at sea, part waiting our Gottenburg ships, and part the coal fleet. They have good notice of what ships are at both places. Some Holland men-of-war are sent to lie in the Elbe, to obstruct our trade and secure their own. They say in Holland that there are no English ships at sea, and that they are all asleep. They go out and bring in prizes weekly, strangers, pretending them to be English; they have 30 such now under examination. One of the Lords of Holland has been beheaded and another imprisoned for corresponding with England.*

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- Nov. 6. 87. Rob. Meine to Williamson. A Dutch vessel laden with powder, and well nigh wrecked, is seized as a prize by the Earl Marshal, Lord Marshal of Scotland. Report of a projected attack by 22 French and Dutch men-of-war on Leith; care is taking to prevent it. The Lord Commissioner has returned, and is starting for London; the Archbishop of Glasgow is deadly sick, few expect him to live.
Edinburgh.
- Nov. 6. 88. John Clarke to James Hickes. The foul weather has driven in 13 or 14 ships, with wines, brandy, salt, &c., from Bourdeaux, Nantes, and Rochelle; they pretend to be Hamburgers, Ostenders, &c., but two will certainly prove prize, being bound for Holland.
Plymouth.
- Nov. 6. 89. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Nov. 6. 90. John Smith to Williamson. No Dutch capers have been near lately; 70 sail of Ostenders have passed by; Margate keeps clear of the pestilence.
Margate.
- Nov. 6. 91. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Four ships are riding at Spithead, waiting service. The stranded Swede's ship got off in a high tide without help, most of her company being away, in despair of getting her off. A Hamburg ship laden with pipe staves met no vessels during the four days she was in coming, and says 20 English vessels are in the Elbe, waiting convoy, protected by the city of Hamburg.
Portsmouth.
- Nov. 6. 92. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Some men-of-war there are bound for the Flemish coasts, to fetch vessels from Ostend, and one or two to ply about Yarmouth; 80 laden billanders sailed up the Thames. The Hamburg fleet that has long lain at Harwich should sail shortly to their port.
Harwich.
- Nov. 6. 93. Rich. Hall to Williamson. Begs favour in a business not named, for a relation of Lady Anderson and his own.
- Nov. 7. 94. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Four Ostend Amsterdammers, laden with wine, came into the river for London. His wife's son, taken in the Swiftsure, has returned from prison in Holland.
Deal.
- Nov. 7. 95. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends such letters as have come to hand.
London.
- Nov. 7. 96. John Lysle to Williamson. Some turbulent persons have taken hold of his wife's proceedings, and he is forbidden to officiate any more at the prize office; begs Williamson not to suffer him to be wronged; will do his best to serve him and Lord Arlington, but being out of office, cannot examine men on their oaths, and will not be able to give such full accounts of affairs as formerly. A vessel came in which had carried from St. Sebastian to Ostend 280 Spanish soldiers, being part of 4,000 which the King of Spain is sending to Flanders, in case of any sudden breach with France. All parts of Flanders are fortifying. The Holland men-of-war are at home, but there are many Zealand capers abroad. The French have had
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many shipwrecks in the storm. Five ships which unladed their wines for the fleet, and were discharged by the Prize Comrs., have sailed for Ostend. The Fountain has sailed with the King's packet for Cadiz, but is forced by weather to Portsmouth to repair; four Plymouth ships have passed under conduct for the Straits. [2½ pages.]

Nov. 7. 97. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two Ostenders have brought
Yarmouth. in two of the Little Mary's company who made their escape; 30 light ships, with two men-of-war, have come in. Godfrey Hembling, who was carried up by Mr. Wickham, has a unicorn's horn 22 inches long; thinks he must have embezzled it from one of the prizes under his charge, where he played the knave egregiously.

Nov. 7. 98. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for Squire William-
Weymouth. son's letter of the 3rd instant.

Nov. 7. 99. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The bill [of mortality]
Norwich. is higher than was thought; the trading is very bad.

Nov. 7. 100. [T. Corie] to Williamson. There are many fears by the
Norwich. daily eruptions of the plague in new houses. Ill news has been much divulged there for a month past, and most amongst the fanatics; if five or six persons' letters were opened, it might conduce to a discovery of their correspondents.

Nov. 7. 101. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Flanders mail has brought
Deal. in 16 Englishmen, most of them prisoners. The Frenchmen met the packet boat and very much plundered it.

Nov. 7. 102. [Thos. Holden] to James Hickes. Arrival of vessels. The
Falmouth. Guernsey came with 20 sail of the Virginia, Barbadoes, and Straits fleet, which were driven back by a storm, in which many lost masts and yards. She brought in a French prize, laden with bank fish, which was forced by a storm into the midst of the fleet.

Nov. 7. 103. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. above, and his letter to Hickes of November 4. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 7. 104. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King, for assignment on
the excise of the 5,776*l.* due to him by His Majesty, the late fire having consumed almost all he had left.

Nov. 7. 105. Petition of the 22 Musicians on the Violin to the King, for
payment of part of their arrears out of the 15,000*l.* ordered for payment of His Majesty's servants; have attended His Majesty and the Queen in their progresses, besides daily attendance; are 4¾ years in arrear, and have had houses and goods burned in the late fire.

Nov. 7? 106. Petition of Francis Maubarne, of York, to Lord Arlington,
for discharge from the messenger's custody, in which he has been three weeks, first about papers alleged against him, and then for selling foreign Bibles, from both of which accusations he has cleared himself.

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Paris.

107. Aug. Mott to Jo. Bar, of Covent Garden, London. Babel is made a victim. Renown may be gained by doing somewhat for the Catholic cause; neither plebeian rage nor turbulent beardless legislators are to be feared; exhorts him to engage as many noblemen or their relations as he can. The G[eneral?] will be a friend, if it may be without suspicion. The factious southern side of Babel [London] should be purged by some incendiary. An army should be got, but no oaths are to be exacted. Exhorts him to avoid controversy. If he win on the seemingly devout heretics, the rest will follow. They [the Catholics] are to avoid pugnacity, secure what arms they can for self-preservation, keep near to their prototypion, and let their numbers in counsel be small and secret. They must labour to get the Pre. concluded, but appear little in it. The most virtuous and great gentlewoman is often with them, and gives great assurance of success; exhorts him to zeal; sends a figure (cypher) by Patrick, who is to be their messenger. When this letter has been shown to S. B. it must be dealt with as a heretic. As many Catholics as may be should be got to old Troy. Endorsed "An intercepted letter, discovering an intended insurrection and the firing of the remainder of London." [With several names in cypher, undecyphered.]

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Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to pay 500*l.* each to Sir Thomas Peyton, Sir Edw. Massey, Sir Fras. Clerke, and John Strode, as their salaries for $1\frac{1}{4}$ years as late Commissioners of Prizes at Dover. [Ent. Book 23, p. 266.]

Nov. 8.
Edinburgh.

108. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. The ship of the King of Denmark of 28 guns, that came into Peterhead, is sent for; believes she will not be got out of the harbour before March. Another Danish ship, of 52 pieces of cannon, has come into Cromartie, and two others are cast away at Shetland. Capt. Hamilton has brought a Holland ship laden with potashes, musk, leather, furs, &c., into Montrose. Expects Capt. Binning with a vessel laden with knapholt, pitch, &c. The Earl of Rothes takes his journey tomorrow for London, and can answer about any provisions taken in the prizes. [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 8.
Portsmouth.
Dock.

109. Capt. John Tincker to Sam. Pepys. One of the Swedes is gone for London. Did not buy the ship's deals, because they could not be got under 8*l.* per 100 ready money. The Fountain, bound for Cadiz, has arrived, is very leaky, and forced to put back again. Desires orders concerning her, that she may sail next spring [tide]. [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 8.
The
St. Andrew,
Rye Harbour.

110. Capt. Val. Pyne to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped the greatest part of the ordnance and gunner's stores. Shall unrig, and to prevent embezzlement, will keep constantly aboard. Intends to take out the bowsprit and mizen masts; the main and fore masts are shot in several places, and patched up with fishes. The ablest men in the town promise help to bring the ship ashore next spring [tide]. [Adm. Paper.]

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Nov. 8. 111. Account by Hugh Salesbury and Ben. Johnson of provisions
 Portsmouth. lent from the stores at Portsmouth for six merchant ships named.
 [Adm. Paper, 2 pages.]

Nov. 8. 112. Phin. Pett, N. Holt, and Ja. Norman to the Navy Comrs.
 Chatham. Send notes of deliveries from the stores since their last return.
 [Adm. Paper.] *Enclose,*

112. I. *Receipt by Richard Green, of the Baltimore, for a boom without irons, received of Harrington, carpenter of the Royal James.* July 18, 1666.

112. II. *Receipt by Daniel Jenkins, of the Elizabeth ketch, for one anchor from the Loyal London, by order of Sir Jeremy Smith.* Aug. 7, 1666

112. III. *Receipt by Geo. Swanley and Sam. Browne, of Capt. Jefferies' galliot, for a cable delivered by Simon Dunning, boatswain of the Cambridge.* Oct. 6, 1666.

Nov. 8. 113. Petition of Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to the King, for 400 engines, 300 buckets, 10 ladders, and 12 hooks, as provision for suppressing fire in the Tower, in case it should happen. With order thereon that the petitioner lay out what is requisite to provide these engines, &c., which shall be repaid him again.

Nov. 8. Entry of the above order. [Ent. Book 18, p. 225.]

Nov. 8. Pass for Mrs. Margaret Floyd, Mrs. Mary Floyd, and another lady with three children, into France. Minute. [Ent. Book 23, p. 264.]

Nov. 8. Warrant to Thomas Whittle, captain of Upnor Castle, to permit the Ordnance Comrs. to make choice of fitting rooms therein, to receive all such ordnance stores as it may be found fit to lodge there. [Ent. Book 23, p. 269.]

Nov. 8. Warrant for a grant to the Royal Society of London for improvement of natural knowledge of certain lands lying between Westminster and Chelsea, granted by King James to the President and Fellows of King James's College, Chelsea, to be holden of the manor of East Greenwich by fealty only. [Ent. Book 23, pp. 269-270.]

[Nov. 8.] 114. Copy of the above. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 8. 115. [H. Muddiman] to George Powell, of Pembroke. News-
 Windsor. letter. News from Spain, Holland, Sweden and Bremen. Partial transcript of the letter of Nov. 6. On the 6th, the House was called over, and all the members took the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and then on their words acquitted themselves from a libel lately made about privy seals reflecting on several members, and from

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the removing from the House a petition of Tayleur against Lord Mor-daunt. The coasts are much pestered with French and Dutch capers, and vessels are taken and forced ashore, &c. The seamen belonging to the great ships which are laid up are having their whole wages paid, and those who are going abroad have three months' wages; but some seamen who have squandered their money excuse themselves by complaining as though they had not been paid their arrears. On a petition of the Spanish merchants relative to mischiefs done by Spaniards in the Canaries to the English, a prohibition was issued against the import or unloading of Spanish wines till further order. [2½ pages.]

Nov. 8.
Edinburgh.

116. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Capt. Hamilton has taken an Arch-angel vessel of 400 tons. Never saw in any army such brave and well armed troops as the 2,500 brave foot, and six troops of horse mustered that day, scarcely any above 40 years old; these, with God's help, may defy any attempt of an enemy. The Archbishop of Glasgow is better.

Nov. 8.
Aldborough.

117. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Thirty sail of light colliers with a convoy have passed northwards; no tidings of pickeroons.

Nov. 8.
Harwich.

118. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Richmond has gone to Yarmouth. Most of the vessels at Harwich are waiting for orders.

Nov. 8.
Lyme.

119. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Some vessels have sailed for Virginia, the coast being very clear from enemies. An Ostender has arrived at Topsham, laden with linen cloth from Morlaix.

Nov. 8.
Swansea.

120. Jo. Man to Williamson. The week has been very stormy, but no shipwreck; one vessel lost her mainmast, and was in great hazard of being cast away.

Nov. 8.
Portsmouth.

121. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Fountain, which was carrying letters to the Earl of Sandwich at Cadiz, has just come in, having sprung a leak, and also three small Plymouth merchant ships which were with her, and did not think it safe to proceed by themselves.

Nov. 8.
Truro.

122. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Virginia and New England fleet of 80 sail, outward bound, have put into Falmouth harbour, through contrary winds, and have received some damage by the storm.

Nov. 8.

123. Bond of Daniel O'Sullivan Beare, of St. Margaret's parish, and Thos. Prichard, of Gray's Inn, Middlesex, in 300*l.*, for the good behaviour of the said Beare, his doing nothing against government, and appearing before a Secretary of State when required.

Nov. 9.

124. Petition of 8 messengers subscribed to the King for payment of their bills for post journeys, &c., amounting to 194*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, without fees, the money being laid out without profit, and for three and a quarter years' arrears of their salaries.

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- Nov. 9? 125. Account of the arrears of wages due to the two clerks of the cheque and 40 messengers of the chamber, for three and a half years, at Christmas next, 1666: total, 7,331*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
- Nov. 9. 126. Order in Council to renew to the Golden Falcon, *alias* Whitehall. Nicholas, the pass granted to the Golden Falcon, to go from France to London and back again, the former pass being useless because the master of their ship, a Dane, refused to land in England: she will carry over French prisoners, and bring back all the English from Bourdeaux, Rochelle, &c.
- Nov. 9. Commissions for Nath. Carew to be lieutenant, and — Gold-ney, ensign, to Capt. Pomeroy, in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 130.]
- Nov. 9. 127. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. Two or three frigates Southwold. going northward saw a French shallop near the shore.
- Nov. 9. 128. James Hickes to Robt. Francis. Requests him to supply London. Jeffery Aldcroft, deputy postmaster in Manchester, with intelligence each post; asks what Mr. Baker of Chester pays for his intelligence once a week, so as to measure what Mr. Aldcroft should pay.
- Nov. 9. 129. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Eight Ostenders from France, Plymouth. driven in by contrary winds, report that they left 100 French and Dutch vessels in the channel, bound for Holland with wines. The sickness is much increased at Ostend. The Guernsey has taken from the Bank a prize of 100 tons, laden with fish, belonging to Havre de Grace.
- Nov. 9. 130. John Clarke to Williamson. A violent storm separated the Plymouth. fleet that sailed last week, and they put back into Plymouth or Falmouth. The ships for Flanders and Hamburg have sailed.
- Nov. 9. 131. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Nov. 9. 132. John Maurice to Williamson. A bark with wools and Minehead. butter from Ireland reports the coasts free from enemies. A Welsh collier met a great tree, of 84 feet long, in the midst of the Channel, which was hauled ashore by his crew to Newton, where Sir Edw. Mansell, the vice-admiral, seized the tree. It had been long in the sea, for it was a foot thick with barnacles; it would make a good mast for a third-rate ship.
- Nov. 9. 133. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two Ostenders report their Yarmouth. coast much pestered with Dutch capers. A Yarmouth hoy with red herrings bound thither was taken. More vessels similarly laden are going to Ostend, under convoy of the Richmond.
- Nov. 9. 134. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Two capers have chased a Newcastle. Newcastle vessel into the very mouth of the haven, and there are many on the coast. A Yarmouth ship reports 100 light ships there waiting a convoy.

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- Nov. 9. Hull. 135. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Asks if Lord Arlington has been acquainted with what passed there between the prize and and customs' officers. A Dantzic vessel from Elsinore reports that the Danes are very angry at the King's declaration of war against Denmark, and have imprisoned all the English they could meet with. John Paul was forced to go from Elsinore to Elsinburg, and it was reported that nine men-of-war were gone for the Elbe.
- Nov. 9. Lynn. 136. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Although there are two privateers in sight of the town, Capt. Willoughby of the Portsmouth delays going out on various pretences. His neglect makes people talk lavishly of the ill-management of the King's naval affairs, and the fishermen cannot go out to sea. Should the Lynn vessels come in from Newcastle, they may most of them be carried away.
- Nov. 9. Southampton House. 137. Report by Lord Treasurer Southampton on the petition of Sir Thos. Daniel for 100*l.* rent, payable by Sir John Mennes and Philipps of the bedchamber, for the manor of Connington, co. Somerset, on determination of an estate tail, and 40*l.* payable on determination of a lease to Mr. Dethick, of certain woods in Buckinghamshire. Is sorry for and esteems the petitioner, all whose former suits have failed, but cannot further countenance the present suit.
- Nov. 9. Sunderland. 138. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Two capers are cruising about the bar, and two stranger vessels laden in the port dare hardly put to sea, for fear of being robbed by them.
- Nov. 9. Barnstaple. 139. Willm. Wakeman to Williamson. Four ships that left the port for Newfoundland and Virginia three weeks ago are driven back thither by the storms, have lost their intended voyage, and are injured in their tackle.
- Nov. 9. Plymouth Fort. 140. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has done his utmost to forward the sending up of the Dutch prize, Prince Denmark of Rotterdam, supplying her with seamen, but thinks the master was to to blame for the delay, and she was left behind; the convoy, with three or four Guinea ships belonging to the Royal company, sailing without her, she must now wait another convoy.
- Nov. 9. Whitehall. 141. Order in Council for letters to be prepared to the Lord Lieutenants of the kingdom, requiring them forthwith to disarm all popish recusants and such as, being suspected, refuse to take the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, so as to remove from the people all apprehensions of their being able to disturb the peace of the kingdom.
- Nov. 9. 142. Capt. Wm. Poole to Mr. Ewers. Asks that 30 tickets may be delivered to the purser of the Mary. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Nov. 9. The Revenge. 143. Capt. Thos. Eliot to Mr. Hayter. Having received orders to discharge several persons, desires him to send 100 tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 9. 144. Peter Slade, master of the *Franakin* prize, to the Navy Comrs. Has been with the convoys, but is detained by weather. The *Franakin*, Tynemouth Haven. Wishes the victualler to direct his agent at Newcastle to supply him with provisions. Has been supplied by the *Victory* hitherto. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. 145. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Has no order for the two vessels named to carry water casks to Sheerness, and does not know where they are. Is straitened as to time, not knowing that water casks would be wanted. Will ship 25 the next tide for the *Warspite* ketch; the rest will be got ready in due time for the ships at Sheerness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. 146. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Since his October account, 170 oxen and 183 hogs have been slaughtered. The *Milford* has been victualled. The beerhouses are fitted and at work, and can brew 280 tuns of beer weekly. Has received a certificate from the officers of the Sweepstakes that the bread was damaged by leakage; is selling the most decayed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. 147. Capt. George Cock to the Navy Comrs. Promises to deliver Friday. 500 tons of hemp at the price and on the conditions proposed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. 148. Note by W. G., that at the pay of the *Baltimore*, five tickets brought in were cancelled, because the ship's officers affirmed that the men were run. *Annexing,*

148. I.-V. *Cancelled pay tickets of Rob. Milles, David Watson, Chris. Tomlin, Gabriel Nodde, and Wm. Law, seamen on board the Baltimore.*

Nov. 10. 149. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Went to Stockwith to Edwinstow. pacify persons to whom money was due, and gave them hopes that some would be sent. The hoy is rigged and ready to load; her sails are at Hull. Asks for money to clear her and to purchase an anchor, compass, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. Proclamation, at request of Parliament, for banishment before Whitehall. 10th December next of all priests and Jesuits, excepting those in attendance on the two Queens; ordering all magistrates to forward their departure before that time, but afterwards to search for and apprehend them, and to put in execution the laws already in force against popish recusants. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., pp. 234-5.*]

Nov. 10. Proclamation forbidding the import or sale of all sorts of commodities of French growth and manufacture after 1st December next. Whitehall. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p. 236.*]

[Nov. 10.] 150. Draft of the above. [2 pages.]

Nov. 10. 151. Robt. Gray to Jas. Hickes. Has no news this post. Boston.

Nov. 10. 152. John Bower to James Hickes. The damage done by the Bridlington. Dutch caper to the light ships was great. Was concerned in two of the ships. Asks news of a convoy for the *Gottenburg* or coal fleet.

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Nov. 10. 153. Willm. Genvey to Williamson. Account of ships in the
Deal. Downs.
- Nov. 10. 154. R. M. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Another Danish vessel
Edinburgh. of 52 guns is wrecked. A proclamation is issued summoning the
estates for January 9, to lay taxes for support of the new forces, and
for defence of the kingdom. There is a talk of raising other forces
for some new expedition.
- Nov. 10. 155. Richard Forster to Williamson. A man was taken by the
Newcastle. watch, with a candle in his hand at night, near 10 lasts of pitch
lying within the walls of the quay, near the houses, but on exami-
nation was set free, as being distracted; he is of North Bergen, and
came down on half wages, in George Swadell's ship.
- Nov. 10. 156. John Gee to Williamson. The Earl of Northumberland
Middle Temple. wishes Petworth fair, which was to have been held on the 20th, to be
put off, the sickness having broken out at Chichester and Petworth,
and the same to be signified in the Gazette.
- Nov. 10. 157. Morice Lodge to Williamson. List of five King's ships in
Deal. the Downs. Has just returned to Deal after the contagion, and will
now supply news as formerly, on learning that it is acceptable.
- Nov. 10. 158. John Lysle to Williamson. Thanks for kindness to his
West Cowes. wife. Fears to lose the money due to him from the Prize Office,
before put out of office. The accounts are to be altered if pos-
sible, to bring his charges lower. Begs the favour of a hearing
before the King or some of the Lords. Ships from Ostend report
apprehensions of a war with France; all Flanders is fortifying.
Bremen is likely to hold out this winter, and the Emperor has for-
bidden Hamburg to assist the Swedes with provisions. There is a
rumour that the Romanists in the Isle of Wight have a design on
the Protestants, which may be, unless timely prevented, many of
them being in offices of trust, and several in the island on military
affairs. [2 pages.]
- Nov. 10. 159. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Victory prize, taken from
Harwich. the French, is to sail to-day towards the Downs.
- Nov. 11. 160. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. The sickness in-
Dover. creases again in the town; last week 24 died of it, and many fresh
houses have broken out lately.
- Nov. 11. 161. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his of the 7th.
Weymouth.
- Nov. 11. 162. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The coast is free from
Portsmouth. men-of-war. The town was perfectly clear of the plague, but it
broke out in a fresh house on Friday.
- Nov. 11. 163. John Stanton, for Mark Scott, to Williamson. Capt.
Berwick. Hamilton has arrived in the north of Scotland, with a Dutch

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prize loaded at Archangel; it is thought the richest hitherto taken.

Nov. 11.
Falmouth.

164. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The King David of London, a vessel from Virginia, laden with tobacco, reports that three ships there broke anchor in a storm, and have not been heard of since; she left with six other vessels, but they were dispersed; she was chased by a vessel off Scilly. The Indians fall upon and kill passengers from place to place; the inhabitants want ammunition; the silk trade goes on very prosperously. A Swedish ship was cast away at the Lizard. [*1½ pages.*]

Nov. 11.

Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury of the petition of John Ward, rector of Shering, for the next prebend void in Canterbury, Windsor, or Westminster. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 226.*]

Nov. 11.
Constant
Warwick.

165. Capt. Robt. Ensum to Sir Wm. Batten. Lieut. Peter Edwards ran away before their order for his discharge was pricked. His clothes are detained on board till he satisfy his several debts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 11.

166. Certificate by George Flycraft and three others to the Navy Comrs., that the six men, for mustering whom on the Paul Capt. George Hilsome was dispossessed of his employ, promised service on board the ship, and the captain expected to find them there or on some other ship, and was unwilling to prick them runaways, being assured they would appear. Endorsed "Certificate concerning some dead musters made by Capt. Hilsome, commander of the Paul fire-ship." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 11.
The Warspite.

167. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Is sorry to read their answer to his request on behalf of the seamen to fit themselves for winter; shall not make it known to the captains and others yet. Has not seen nor heard of his lieutenant. The ships there will not nearly furnish him with his wants; Sir Wm. Penn knows the want of men. Desires them to hasten the victualling and clothing of the squadron, and to pass his imprest bill of 200*l.* lying at the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 11.
The
Greenwich,
Nore.

168. Capt. John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. Sends a list of watermen pressed and with him at sea, but who have deserted since his arrival at Sheerness. Requests some course for their being sent back, as they are all seamen. Wants 160 men and also a pilot for Gottenburg or any other place of Utland or Norway, as his two master mates have run away since he came out of Sheerness; their names are William White, living at the Golden Anchor at Armitage, and Paul Perkins living between Dick's shore and Limehouse. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

168. I. *List of 14 watermen, pressed at Gravesend, Lambeth, and Bankside, and of three that came from the Lion.*

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Nov. 11. 169. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The fleet convoyed
Plymouth. by the Guernsey and Eagle was forced back by the weather. The
Guernsey has taken a Frenchman laden with bank fish, and carried
her into Falmouth. The Roebuck and Paradox have departed
with the prizes, and the Barbadoes ships for the Downs. Sends the
muster books. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 11. 170. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account
Plymouth. of the petty warrants of the Guernsey and Eagle. Mr. Addes
desires an order from them, as Mr. Gauden contracted only for
London and Portsmouth. Wants some printed warrants sent by the
Exeter carrier. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 12. 1. John Langrack to Sam. Pepys. The warrant for felling 400
Farnham. trees in the forest remains in the custody of the surveyor general;
cannot supply the timber without it; asks him to hasten its delivery.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Peter Ricaut
for a grant of several woods, &c., in Middlesex. [*Ent. Book 18,*
p. 227.]

Nov. 12. 2. Petition of Capt. Matthew Peniell, of the Chapel Royal, to
the King, for a grant of the Dutch hoy Sampson, and her furniture,
now at Harwich, and only fit to carry Newcastle coals. Served the
late King as captain of horse, and has contracted debts by building
frigates for him at his own cost.

Nov. 12. 3. Petition of Sir Herbert Price to the King, for his board wages
during the year of suspension, and the dues of his place, as master
of the household; has received nothing for 18 months.

Nov. 12. 4. Petition of Sir Peter Wyche to the King, for leave to lade
goods not prohibited, and not exceeding 100 tons, on the vessel on
which he is going with a message from His Majesty to the King of
Portugal.

Nov. 12. Proclamation prohibiting the import of all wines of the growth
of the Canary Islands, and all further trade and commerce with the
said islands during the King's pleasure, on account of the decrease
of treasure caused by the export of money to pay for the same, and
also of the injuries lately committed by the inhabitants, in banishing
the English consul and principal officers out of the island of Tene-
riffe. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., pp. 237–8.*]

Nov. 12. 5. Draft of the above, dated October [1½ pages.]

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Nov. 12. 6. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The tempestuous weather
Pendennis. detains all ships in port. The letter to Col. Buller came too late ;
he came on shore at Penzance, and has gone for London.

Nov. 12. 7. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The post coming as late as
Norwich. 3 p.m. caused such surmises of disturbance in London that the mer-
chants would not buy anything that day.

Nov. 12. 8. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above ;
also from Kinsale, Nov. 2 : three or four ships bound for the
Barbadoes and Leeward Islands are ready to sail with the Dart-
mouth ; and from Bruges, Nov. $\frac{7}{17}$: the Swedes and Bremen had
agreed before Konigsmark's arrival. [2 pages.]

Nov. 12. 9. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A vessel from Ireland has been
Truro. cast away near St. Ives, and some casks of tallow and butter driven
ashore ; there have been great storms, and such rain and hail as have
not been known for many years.

Nov. 12. 10. James Hickes to Williamson. Thanks God for his late preser-
Letter Office, vation from the fire near. Mr. Newcome's removal far from those
London. parts puts the book women into straits, and unless some provi-
sion is made for them, they must leave him to dispose of the books
as he can ; they run much hazard by attending him in the church-
yard, where the stench of earth is offensive and unwholesome ; the
bookwoman, Mrs. Andrews, has for weeks diligently observed the
directions given about the Gazette, but cannot now for want of
admittance as formerly ; will send her to Williamson privately for
directions, but Mr. Newcome must not suspect it. She is a discreet
woman, and deserves encouragement, but Mr. Newcome behaves so
strangely that others say they will sell his books no more, at hazard
of their health, through all ways, and at such a distance. Mrs. An-
drews takes off his hands a fourth, if not a third, of what he
prints.

Nov. 12. 11. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Dutch man-of-war has
Aldborough. brought in 210 English prisoners from Holland, and set 40 sick on
shore. He says that the Hollanders pray for a peace, and hope all
the English will soon be released, and that they have no men-of-
war of value out, but two East Indiamen were in the Texel, which
are bound out ; two more vessels are coming from Holland with
prisoners.

Nov. 12. 12. Robt. Bunny to James Hickes. There has been another fire
Loughborough. there, but cannot yet give a perfect account of it.

Nov. 12. 13. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Orange frigate fired a gun
Yarmouth. to give notice to the light fleet bound northward to weigh anchor,
but most of them not taking notice were left behind, and followed
with the Speedwell. Those laden were driven back by the wind,
but have sailed again.

Nov. 12. 14. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Capt. Willoughby, sailing out
Lynn. with the Portsmouth, has cleared the Channel of pickeroons. A
vessel from Hull saw no sails on the Lincolnshire coast.

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Nov. 12. 15. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has nothing wherewith to
Weymouth. retaliate his kindness.
- Nov. 12. 16. Herbert Aubrey, jun., to Williamson. Asks his interest,
Clehonger, along with that of the writer's cousin Vaughan, for the place of
Herefordshire. receiver of the money lately given to the King, whenever such an
officer is appointed.
- Nov. 12. 17. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Will continue, as desired, his
Pembroke. concern for the King's affairs in that port. The prize is now bound
for Bristol. The Martin galley is to convoy several colliers about
land.
- Nov. 12. 18. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the effect of the latter
Pembroke. part of the above.
- Nov. 12. 19. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has nothing worth cognizance this
Swansea. post.
- Nov. 12. 20. Sir J. Colleton to Lord Arlington. [La Tourette], the French-
St. James's. man he named to him, lies at the house of one De Marrye, a footman
of the Duke of York, who lives in a yard leading from King Street
to Westminster Abbey. He came into England with a pass from the
States of Holland, as he confessed to Mr. Gresellyer, the person
whom he tried to entice into Holland and carry to De Witt.
- Nov. 12. Order for a warrant to pay out of a pension of 2,000*l.* a year,
granted to the late Earl of Norwich, 1,500*l.* to Ferdinando Marsham,
esquire of the body, 1,000*l.* to Rob. Thompson, groom of the privy
chamber, 200*l.* to Tobias Rustat, yeoman of the robes, and 1,100*l.*
to Eliz. Dean, the same being debts due by the late Earl, but which
Charles, the present Earl, cannot pay without pursuing the usual
course of law with the creditors, as administrator to his father.
[*Ent. Book 23, pp. 271-3.*]
- Nov. 12. 21. Warrant to Sir Jordan Crosland to discharge John Joplin, pri-
Whitehall. soner in Scarborough Castle, on bond for his allegiance and good
demeanour, and his appearance before the chief officer of the garrison
on summons. [*Copy.*]
- Nov. 12. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 273.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant to Edward Earl of Manchester to swear in — Grabu as
master of the English chamber music. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 273.]
- Nov. ? 22. Jehan Kievit to [Williamson]. Reminds him to obtain
speedy liberation for his ship, the Prince of Denmark, with its cargo,
now in the river or the Downs. [*French.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant to free the Prince of Denmark and deliver it to the
Sieur Kievit. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 273.*]
- Nov. 12. Privy seal for 1,400*l.* to Prince Rupert, without account. Minute.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 273.*]
- Nov. 12. Warrant to swear in Wencelaus Hollar as scenographer and
designer of prospects. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 273.*]

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Nov. 12. Warrant for a grant to Dr. John Dolben to hold in commendam with the bishopric of Rochester the deanery of Westminster. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 273.*]
- Nov. ? 23. Memorandum of the clear annual value of the diocese of Rochester, deducting the tithes, 32²*l.* 7*s.* 4½*d.* [*Latin.*]
- Nov. 12. Pass for the ship Prince of Denmark to go to Norway and return. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 274.*]
- Nov. 12. 24. Pass for the St. George, of 400 tons, bound from Dover for the Whitehall. Barbadoes and the adjacent islands with merchandise, at the risk of John Nisbett, merchant, to go thither and return, on payment of customs.
- Nov. 12. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 274.*]
- Nov. 13. Dispensation for George Stowell, high sheriff of Somersetshire, to abide out of his county. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 109.*]
- Nov. 13. 25. Dr. Nath. Hardy, dean, and the Chapter of Rochester to the King. Announce their election of Dr. John Dolben, dean of Westminster, to the see of Rochester, void by the death of Dr. John Warner. [*Latin.*]
- Nov. 13. 26. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A fleet of 200 or 300 colliers Newcastle. is in the harbour, but only two men-of-war for convoy; they will sail with the first fair wind, though with fear, as a squadron of Dutch men-of-war lies waiting for them, and some pickeroons, supposed to be their scouts, are daily seen; but the masters are impatient, having lain so long there.
- Nov. 13. 27. John Clarke to Williamson. The York, a Plymouth vessel, Plymouth. has arrived from Virginia, with three Ostenders, which have sailed with other vessels for Flanders.
- Nov. 13. 28. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Nov. 13. 29. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Roebuck, having convoyed Harwich. four Guinea and a Barbadoes ship to the Downs, has returned and brought in to be examined a ship said to be bound for Boston, but most of the crew were foreigners.
- Nov. 13. 30. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Speedwell and other Hull. vessels from London met no men-of-war in their passage; 80 light colliers have passed northward, with only one convoy. Three Holland privateers, coming near Burlington, caused good watch on the coast, but they stood northward. A peace is reported between Sweden and the Emperor, including many other powers, but this is thought to be nonsense.
- Nov. 13. 31. Bridget Bussy to [Lord Arlington]. Requests the clearing of her son,—his lordship's waterman and her own apprentice and sole support,—who has been pressed to serve on the Princess, and is continued, although all the other watermen have been discharged.

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32. Petition of Hannah, late wife to Capt. John Jeffry, to the King, for the Gilded Fox prize, now in the Thames, towards the education of her six fatherless children. Her husband was captain of the Cambridge, but died through heats and colds and wet.

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Barnstaple.

33. William Wakeman to Williamson. The Newfoundland and Virginia vessels, driven back by the storms, are now ready to attempt their voyage.

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Portsmouth.

34. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Account of vessels in harbour.

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35. Jo. Cook to Williamson. Sends an order of Council, as Williamson is acquainted with the debates, that he may draw up the form of a letter to the Lord Lieutenants, suitable to the occasion; will then draw up for signature as many of the letters as are allotted to Sec. Morice's clerks. Endorsed "The letter for disarming the Popish recusants."

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Edinburgh.

36. Capt. Jo. Strachan to the Navy Comrs. There are more merchants aiming at the bargain than themselves; endeavours to see that His Majesty's service is not wronged. Told Patrick Lyell that the Commissioners had paid the bills; he answered it was not so; told him he ought not to discredit such honourable persons. Has been apprenticed to His Majesty's service 28 years. The report of the arrival of a Dutch ship of 52 guns into Cromartie was false. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13.

Adam and Eve
hoy,
Stockwith.

37. John Huntington to the Navy Comrs. Has received his warrant as master. Is clear of the carpenters and is rigged all but the sails, which are being mended at Hull, but the men are not willing to part with them until paid, and the purser has no money. An anchor of 400 cwt. is wanted for the one lost when the hoy overset. Cannot moor without it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13.

38. Edw. Mundy to the Navy Comrs. Asks for an order to Mr. Fenn for payment of timber, &c., supplied two years since by him to the stores at Harwich and Chatham. Most of the timber in his yard is marked for Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13.

39. Elizabeth Russell to the Navy Comrs. Her husband, who is at the works in Sherwood Forest, has sent a person to receive 20*l.* due to him out of 200*l.* imprest granted 8 months since, but has not received a penny of it. Requests them to consider the man's condition and order a speedy supply, that she may send him back to the works. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Edinburgh.

40. Thos. Falconer to the Navy Comrs. Is content to cut, square, and carry the timber within the flood's mark and sight of the ships, which can be then taken to them by boats; desires that a person may be appointed to cut and square it at the rate of 8*s.* 6*d.* (Scottish) the cubical foot, and also a person to receive it; is loath to undertake the delivery. Thinks well of Capt. Strachan. Others have been dealing with the writer about the timber, but he will close with Capt. Strachan on their warrant.

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Nov. 14. 41. Capt. Fras. Courtenay to the Muster Master of the Rear-Happy Return, Admiral of the Blue. Desires him to prevent Edward Brock being Rye Harbour. made a runaway; the man was entered in his ship 1 Aug. 1665, and continued till 26 June 1666; he has been sick and pressed into another ship. With note from B. St. M[ic]hel, [the muster master], to Mr. Ewers, of the Navy Office, referring the case to him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. 42. William Bowden to the Navy Comrs. Finds the two tons of Flanders hemp of Sir John Shaw's as good and well-conditioned of its sort as any usually issued into the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. 43. Thos. James to Daniel Furzer. Requests him to send the Gloucester. money due for timber measured; the residue to be measured and paid for next week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford. Grants a dispensation to John Locke, M.A., to hold his student's place in that college and prosecute his studies, without being compelled to take holy orders, according to statute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 103.*]

Nov. 14. Warrant for a grant to Henry Lord Arlington of all the woods, coppices, &c., in the lands granted him, being three-fourths of Great St. John's Wood, parish of Mary-le-bone, Middlesex, the proviso in his former grant proving inconvenient, as the woods are now so destroyed that the lands are fitter for pasture and arable. [*Ent Book 23, pp. 274-5.*]

Nov. 14. 44. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Wants an affidavit of Theodore Yarmouth. Ferrier against Godfrey Hembling, in custody of Mr. Wickham, at London. Two Ostenders have arrived, who met a privateer near Lowestoft.

Nov. 14. 45. Willm. Symons to James Hikes. A bark from Plymouth Bridgewater. reports the Channel clear of pirates.

Nov. 14. 46. John Pocock to James Hikes. There is no news stirring. Weymouth.

Nov. 14. 47. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The stormy weather has prevented vessels going out or coming in. It is reported that the Lyme. Hollanders are much inclined to a peace, and intend to answer the King's letter; the poor cry out, being in great necessity by the war.

Nov. 14. 48. Robt. Scrivener to James Hikes. There is great abatement Norwich. in the mortality.

Nov. 14. 49. Willm. Genvey to [Williamson]. Arrival and departure of Deal. vessels from the Downs.

Nov. 14. 50. John Bower to Williamson. On the 11th, two Dutch capers an- Bridlington. chored under Flamborough Head; they were joined by five more, and chased six of a fleet of 80 light colliers ashore about Hornsea; eight more escaped into Bridlington; the Hollanders pursued the rest, which had only the Orange for convoy, but the night coming on,

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the result is not known. Bridlington is much exposed to danger from the enemy; it has only three guns, procured by Sir W. Coventry's order, and all the ammunition for them is spent, by the gunners' rescuing and preserving many ships from the enemy.

Nov. 14.
Pendennis.

51. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The merchant fleet, with their convoys, went out, but was driven back by the wind. Particulars of other vessels in harbour.

Nov. 14.
Falmouth.

52. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The fleet for the westward is just put to sea. A Virginia vessel has just come in.

Nov. 14.
Falmouth.

53. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the above, and his letter of Nov. 11. [2 pages.]

Nov. 14.
Norwich.

54. [T. Corie] to Williamson. Asks whether it be not requisite to open some letters, in order to put an end to the base reports frequent there.

Nov. 14.

55. Request of Katherine Jackson, for release of 21 innocent persons, sufferers for two years in Warwick gaol, and her husband, for three years, only for meeting peaceably to worship, visiting their friends, &c. Noted "Quakers."

Nov. 14.

56. Bond of Rob. Vyner, goldsmith of London, dated June 5, 1665, in 1,700*l.*, to pay to Mary Countess Dowager of Thomond and to Owen Feltham, at his house in Lombard Street, 850*l.* within 10 days after demand, with interest at 5 per cent. Endorsed with notes of payment of interest thereon, Nov. 9 and 14, 1666; with two other memoranda of payments thereon, of 200*l.* July 1665, 100*l.* 20 Dec. 1666, and 400*l.* Jan. 16, 1667. [Copy.]

Nov. 14.

57. Sir Thos. Tyrrill, justice of the Common Pleas, to the King. At the Warwick assizes in summer 1664, seven persons named were fined a mark each for being at an unlawful assembly, and they remain in gaol till payment. Thos. Wincott was convicted for scandalous words against His Majesty and the chief magistrate of the borough of Warwick, and fined 20 marks, and to lie in gaol till payment; the rest, 13 in number, were proceeded on at the sessions by the county justices of peace, condemned in a præmunire, for refusing the Oath of Allegiance, and have been in gaol ever since the Warwick Lent Assizes of 1664, where they are to remain during pleasure. Thinks those fined by him can only be released by payment of their fines or pardon for them. There is no regular way for the rest to be delivered, except by His Majesty's pardon. [2 pages.]

Nov. 15.
Whitehall.

58. Petition of John Garill to the King, for letters of pardon for the recognizance of 100*l.* into which he entered as security for Sir John Prettyman, receiver-general of first fruits and tenths, for his sure answering his accounts, whereon an extent is issued on his lands, for Sir John's not accounting; has lost 1,000*l.* already by Sir John, and has no counter-security for the said recognizance; was of great use in stopping the late dreadful fire at Cripplegate; dated Nov. 13. With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer, Nov. 15.

Nov.

Entry of the above reference, dated Nov. 14. [Ent. Book 18, p. 227.]

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Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Rich. Alchorn, for licence to set up a beam in Southwark for weighing hops. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 227.*]

Nov. 15.

Pembroke.

59. Fras. Malory to Williamson. A vessel is in from the Madeiras, the master whereof is Rob. Williamson, his kinsman and another is at Tenby. The Dutch prize still remains.

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60. Fras. Malory to James Hikes. To the same effect.

Nov. 15.

Harwich.

61. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Thinks the sub-commissioners of prizes are disgusted with him, because they send persons to interfere in his business, and to be above him in the management of ships. Has had all the trouble and turmoil this summer, and now another will have the credit. Wishes leave to answer before the Board, if his name be mentioned. The wind blows ill for vessels to get out of harbour.

Nov. 15.

Truro.

62. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Merchants begin to ship small quantities of tin for Plymouth, Portsmouth, and Southampton, in the vessel that brought timber and charcoal from the Isle of Wight. There are two or three vessels lading corn for Plymouth: wheat is 8s. 6d. and 9s. a bushel; barley 4s. 6d. and 5s. The fleet for the Straits and West Indies sailed yesterday. Another fire is reported in London, which much saddens the spirits of most people.

Nov. 15.

Swansea.

63. Jo. Man to Williamson. There is no news, but the country is in health and quietness.

Nov. 15.

Licence for the ship Mary of Swansea to sail from Topsham to Swansea, and from thence to Barbadoes, and to return. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 103.*]

Nov. 15.

Whitehall.

Warrant from the Commissioners for the Tower to the Officers of Ordnance to demolish some houses about the White Tower, to open a passage from the wharf near the payhouse into Coldharbour, and to make a bridge, after a model prepared by Sir Bernard De Gomme, for safer bringing in of powder, &c.; also to demolish all chimneys where fire may be kept near the White Tower, and to give up the cellars and vaults for the use of the ordnance stores. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 277-279.*]

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64. Copy of the above. [2 pages.]

Nov. 15.

Portsmouth.

65. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Victory prize has come in, bound for the Western guard, with several merchant ships bound outward, and some to Torbay to load pilchards. The Sweepstakes and Norwich wait orders at Spithead.

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Aldborough.

66. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Capt. Liddall is reported to have brought in a French wine prize to Harwich.

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8 P.M.,
Carlisle.

67. Willm. Fielding to Sir Phil. Musgrave. Major Baxter, who has arrived from Dumfries, reports that this morning a great number of horse and foot came into that town, with drawn swords and pistols, galloped up to Sir Jas. Turner's lodgings, seized him in his bed, carried him without clothes to the market place, threatened to cut him to pieces, and seized and put into the Tolbooth all the foot soldiers that were with him; they also secured the minister of Dumfries. Many of the party were lairds and country people from Galloway—200 horse well mounted; one minister was with them who had sword and pistols, and 200 or 300 foot, some with clubs, others with scythes. Many more are said to be in arms all through Galloway; this prevented Baxter's going on the King's business into Galloway, and it was well he could get privately out of town. The forces came in so suddenly that most of the town's people seemed surprised. The officers of Carlisle garrison will be careful of their duty. Is sending a messenger to Sir Edw. Musgrave to Hatton, and to the rest of the officers out of town. Capt. Tong will give notice to the Earl of Carlisle.

Nov. 15.

London.

68. Earl of Cleveland and Lord Aylesbury, Lord Lieutenants of Bedfordshire, to Lord Arlington. Recommend to the King Thos. Snaig, of Milbrook, as a deputy lieutenant of Bedfordshire, in place of Sir Hen. Chester, lately dead. With note by Lord Arlington, November 18, of the King's approval of Mr. Snaig.

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Whitehall.

69. H. Muddiman to George Powell, of Pembroke. News-letter. The Exchange has been so filled lately that there has hardly been any passage in or out for two hours together, though the place of meeting of the merchants is more capacious than the former. The enemies' vessels made towards Dunchurch in Kent; it is supposed that they intended to cut down the sea walls and drown thousands of cattle, but the beacon watch discovering them gave a timely alarm, the country came in arms and forced them to alter their design. Two of the Little Mary's company having escaped, have reached Yarmouth Roads. An envoy is coming from the Marquis of Castel Rodrigo, out of Flanders. The Emperor's, envoy Count d'Isola, is daily expected. The House of Lords has gone through the bill for Irish cattle to the last clause, which concerns the seizure. The House of Commons has agreed to raise the 1,800,000*l.* by poll money, sealed paper, and foreign excise; and what they fail to raise in 11 months is to be made up by a land tax. They have desired the Lords to add some peers to a commission of theirs that may be empowered to examine into some accounts. The time for the Commons to receive the sacrament is deferred till the second Sunday in December, but the oaths were to be administered on Tuesday last, and all defaulters taken into custody by the serjeant-at-arms. The French King has awed the States by reproving them for receiving letters from England without his privity. Most of their men-of-war who were abroad have returned, and fresh ships gone out in their room. Lady Denham is recovering; some have raised strange discourses about the cause of her sickness, but

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the physicians affirm it to have been *iliaca passio*. Eight Ostenders from France, driven into Plymouth, left near 100 sail in the Channel, bound for Holland with wines. The Guernsey has brought in a prize of 100 tons, laden with bank fish. The Fountain frigate bound for Lisbon sprung a leak in the Bay of Biscay, and has returned to Portsmouth Roads. Mr. Marquis, one of the King's life guard, and Mr. Philpot were committed to the Marshalsea of the King's Bench, for beating and wounding the constable of St. Clement Danes; the Lord Chief Justice declared he would acquaint the Lord General, that Marquis might be turned out of the Guards; the Lord Chamberlain and Lord Crofts said they would acquaint the King himself, the matter appearing very foul.

The House of Commons is daily debating supply in a grand committee; they have agreed that all who pay no alms shall pay 12*d.* for themselves and children; all with estates of 100*l.* a year 20*s.*, but they have not decided about those of higher qualities. The Dutch will have 12 ships of 90 guns ready against spring; they are preparing an answer to the King's letter, which crept into the press, and made strange impressions on the people. News from Sweden, Flanders, the Palatinate, &c. Several prizes have been brought into Harwich. The Newcastle fleet keeps in, and vessels from other parts move warily, because of the Dutch capers. The Commons have desired the Lords' concurrence in thanks to the King for the proclamations against Papists, and for his assent to their votes concerning the Guards. The committee appointed to inspect the patents about printing have voted the law patent a monopoly. In levying the poll money, the rate for personal estates is to be made by the assessments as formerly, and any who is aggrieved may be discharged from over rate on his oath. All the revenue raised by the Acts for the 1,800,000*l.* is to be security to such as shall lend money to the King; this will be a very good means to raise present money, the lender having good security, and one per cent. above what others give. The House of Lords has committed the bill for illegitimizing the children of Lady Ross, she not appearing to make her defence on summons. Stephen Thompson has been sent to the Tower, as an accomplice of his son, who stole a heiress and carried her into France. An embargo is laid upon all ships that have not the Duke of York's pass, and those that have are to be hastened out; such as go to the plantations giving security to return by 10th April, and such as go shorter voyages by 10th March. Sir John Glynne, serjeant-at-law, died this morning. [3 pages.]

Nov. 15. 70. Report of Attorney General Palmer in favour of the King's right to grant the examiner's office in the county palatine of Chester, with reversions, notwithstanding a plea that the Earls of Derby, as chamberlains of Chester, have formerly nominated to the place, leaving to the present Earl the power to try his title.

Nov. 15. 71. Report by Jo. Gregory and five others to the Navy Comrs.,
Harwich. on order from John Taylor, Navy Comr., as to building a store-house and crane in the dockyard at Harwich, that the dimensions

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should be 136 feet long, 36 feet broad, double roof 18 feet deep. The charge, besides timber and ironwork in store, will be 385*l*. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 15. 72. Capt. Jo. Tinker to Sam. Pepys. As the Sovereign's men are coming to London to be paid off, there will be none to look after her. Desires orders about her ordnance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Portsmouth Dock.

Nov. 15. 73. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Gives the names of 14 men who promise to go in the two sweeping boats; fears the season of the year is too hard for the work. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Dover.

Nov. 15. 74. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Capt. Berry has passed his accounts for victualling the Swallow ketch and Little Mary frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Victualling Office.

Nov. 15. 75. Declaration by Thomas Saffery, George Cobden, and Zaccheus Ewen, pilots, of their inability to take charge of any ships to Gottenburg.
Navy Office.

Nov. 16. 76. Christopher Coles to the Navy Comrs. Has served into the yards at Deptford, Chatham, and Portsmouth, timber amounting to 1,300*l*., which, added to former unpaid bills, makes 4,800*l*.; the sum is more than his estate or credit can bear. Had not Sir Thos. Woodcock, of whom he bought much timber, and the deputy lieutenants of Sussex given him credit, he would have been utterly disabled from serving the navy, but they will not forbear payment any longer; if their honours will not help, must sell some of his navy bills for what they will yield, or else the provisions for the service of the navy, which are considerable in quantity and quality; this may be very prejudicial to the service. Wants 504*l*. for which he has their bill. Will wait on them about the other moneys for the deputy lieutenants, and give a further account of his proceedings in the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. 77. Certificate by Jonas Shish, W. Castell, and Robt. Castell, that Thos. Mathews, shipwright, late carpenter of the George and Martha on her voyage to the East Indies, is fit for a master carpenter's place in any third or fourth-rate ship or frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. 78. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has signified to the company of the Golden Sun their cessation of former wages, and their entering on the King's pay. If they refuse, will assist the master to get more, but having received orders from Sir Wm. Warren to pay them for their former services, hopes they may be persuaded to continue. The master complains of the want of victuals; Mr. Gauden's agent will not deliver any without an order. Sir Wm. Warren writes to the master that their honours will take care for the supply; has engaged for their present necessity, and asks directions by the next post. The Paradox has arrived to convoy a prize to London. Wanted him to take the deal board prize with him to Portsmouth, but he refused to spare any men, though he proffered to another to man his ship for 3*l*. each. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Plymouth.

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Conpill.

79. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Morgan of Bristol will pay money on a bill; the clamour is continual. Has bought some plank, which is delivered into the yard, but the owners expecting their money on delivery, has forfeited his engagements with them; the men have not been paid for a long time. Shall be forced to put off the smiths, for want of money to pay for iron. Prays a speedy supply. Hopes they have treated with Mr. Black-borow about the plank. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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80. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above. Also from the following:

Dublin, Nov. 10: The Sapphire and Forester are to lie in 48 degrees of latitude, expecting the New England fleet with mails.

Lyme, Nov. 14: Two vessels with provisions are bound for Jersey and Guernsey.

Norwich, Nov. 14: 46 died last week, 31 being of the plague. [*1½ pages.*]

Nov. 16.
Kinsale.

81. Thos. Burrowes to James Hickes. The frigates are gone to sea. A Limerick vessel with 500 casks of butter bound for Bilbao was cast away at Bearhaven.

Nov. 16.
Margate.

82. John Smith to Williamson. Two or three Swedes' ships have passed by for London.

Nov. 16.
Bridlington.

83. John Bower to James Hickes. The four States' men-of-war chased six light colliers ashore at Hornsea; eight have got well into Bridlington Bay; hopes most of them will be found at Newcastle. Some Holland men-of-war have been seen off Scarborough; thinks they are part of the convoys belonging to their fishers, and wait the motion of the laden colliers, who dare not stir without good convoy.

Nov. 16.
Whitby.

84. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Several vessels are riding and dare not stir for fear of men-of-war, having narrowly escaped the States' ships. The light coal fleet was chased five hours by the enemy, and their convoy, the Orange or Norwich, forsook them. Heard shooting to the north yesterday. The many pirates abroad make every ship at sea a man-of-war.

Nov. 16.
Plymouth Fort.

85. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has ordered the Paradox to convoy Mynheer Kievit's ship to Gravesend blockhouse. It was not by the writer's neglect that she lost the last convoy.

Nov. 16.
Plymouth.

86. John Clarke to Williamson. A ship has arrived from Virginia, and a Hamburger from Portugal, laden with figs, put in by contrary winds.

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87. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Nov. 16.
Lynn.

88. E. Bodham to Williamson. Capt. Smith, of the Cygnet frigate, offers to convoy any ships bound southerly. The coast is clear of pickeroons. The officers of Capt. Lloyd, collector of chimney money, were abused by the ruder and poorer sort of people, till the mayor sent some of them to gaol. The place is in good health, the

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militia well settled, and many satisfied at the proclamation for putting the laws in force against Papists.

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89. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. Has been prevented waiting on him by a rheumatic eye. Sends him a suit of buttons, and appurtenances, such as are now much worn with the new garments, though fearing he may be already provided.

Nov. 16.

Plymouth.

90. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The part of the Virginia fleet driven in thither three days since has sailed again. The Paradox has brought in merchant ships from the East; two ships have arrived from Virginia.

Nov. 16.

Newcastle.

91. Ric. Forster to Williamson. Sends an account from the master of a great ship belonging to Harwich. All people are troubled that so little care is taken for convoys, as there is a considerable fleet in the harbour, and some Holland men-of-war are watching for them on the coasts. The mayor has written to Sir Wm. Coventry and others. A great Ipswich ship has been put ashore near Sunderland. *Encloses,*

91. 1. *Certificate [by the master of a collier vessel] that their fleet of 100 left Yarmouth for Newcastle on Nov. 12 under convoy of the Orange, and on the 13th met four men-of-war standing south-south-east, when the fleet stood to windward, and at night all were obliged to shift for themselves; much mischief was done, and on the 14th only 20 sail had safely arrived; three men-of-war, standing between Hartlepool and Sunderland, fired many guns and chased several vessels on shore.*

Nov. 16.

Hull.

92. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Orange, convoying 80 sail of the light coal fleet for Newcastle, met four great Holland men-of-war about Burlington Bay, who forced him into the Humber with 40 of the fleet; seven or eight put ashore between Humber Mouth and Burlington Bay, the rest put to sea and were pursued by those four ships and four more. Neither the Hull fleet nor the light colliers dare stir without better convoy, the former being laden with lead, corn, butter, and cloth, valued at 100,000*l.* or 200,000*l.* They think it strange to have but one man-of-war for 50 ships; 10 are too many for one man-of-war to convoy in these times, when three or four Holland men-of-war are always plying before the Humber. The people murmur cruelly that the coasts are no better guarded, and say they pay all their great assessments to little purpose, and that in Oliver's time there was better care taken to secure trade than now.

Nov. 17.

Bristol.

93. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Will deliver the letters sent to the ablest captains bound to Virginia and Barbadoes, with the directions in case of meeting the enemy, but it will be a week before the fleet can sail. No ship is preparing for Jamaica; asks whether to send the letter concerning Jamaica by a Barbadoes ship, or to return it.

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Newcastle.

94. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Hopes prevail over fears, hearing little account of ships lost; the Ipswich vessel has got off; many Dutch men-of-war are off the coasts; they shot ashore, but all the country was in arms in defence. People are troubled that no more care is taken for preservation of trade.

Nov. 17.
York.

95. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Hears from Mr. Waade that the coasts are much infested with the Dutch.

Nov. 17.
Weymouth.

96. John Pocock to James Hicke. Has nothing to advise him of at present.

Nov. 17.
West Cowes.

97. John Lysle to Williamson. Is turned out of office, debarred his dues, and threatened with ruin; hopes a hearing before King and Council, and an order to summon the deputy treasurer and affirm the accounts and his claim. The Little Victory waits to convoy vessels to Plymouth, where the four Plymouth ships bound for the Straits wait a convoy. A vessel leaving Hamburg 12 days since says that six great ships and some smaller were there ready for the Straits; that the East India ship at Gluckstadt is dispersing her lading to several parts; that the Emperor and Elector much distaste the Swedes' attack on Bremen, and will try to relieve the city. [2 pages.]

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98. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has not a word of news; the wind is westerly and a strong frost.

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99. Deposition of A. Delheurre that M. de Grosilier has always held Touret in suspicion for calling himself his nephew, and for being [in England] without employ, not being a person who could live on his income, and has therefore avoided his company, as dangerous to the State. Has heard Touret say that if his uncle De Grosilier were in service of the States of Holland, he would be more considered than here, where his merits are not regarded, and that if his discovery were under the protection of Holland, all would go better with him. [French.]

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100. Examination of *soi-disant* Touret. Is of Picardy; lived ten years and a half with the Rhinegrave at Maestricht; was three weeks at the Hague, waiting for Mr. Bromley, but did not speak to Mr. D'Estrades, nor see him, nor go into his cabinet with him; nor did he speak to M. De Witt, nor any of the States; has been five months in England; seeks a place as valet. Knows Grosilier, but never spoke to him about the treatment he would receive in Holland. Called himself a nephew of Grosilier's only in friendship. Never had the least idea of passing into the service of the States, nor talked with Grosilier about it. [French.]

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Reference to the Earl of Devonshire of the petition of Rich. Calton for pardon. Minute. [Ent. Book 18, p. 228.]

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Whitehall.

101. H. Muddiman to Sir Edw. Stradling, St. Donat's Castle, Glamorganshire. News-letter. Agreement between the Elector Palatine and the Electors of Mentz, Treves, &c., each quitting the places they have taken from others. The Newcastle fleet keeps in, on advice of Dutch capers; vessels from other parts move warily, and the coast is well guarded by convoys, so that it is hoped there will be no more miscarriages. Items of news given in his letter of the 15th. News from Holland. The French are arming six ships at Toulon, in hopes of gaining great prizes, but the birds they aim at will probably be flown, and they fail in their design. A vessel from Algiers reports that the Algerines have 16 men-of-war abroad, and 9 more fitting out, and have taken a Spanish and a Holland vessel. Mr. [Thos.] Thynne, the King's envoy to Sweden, has set out. The House of Commons have read a bill for better discovery of goods, moneys, &c., concealed from the King. The General has sent notice to the soldiers of the Guard to prepare to receive the sacrament, and take the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, or to quit their employments. The poll bill has been reported to the house. [2½ pages.]

Nov. 17.
Edinburgh.

102. Rob. Meine to Williamson. On the 15th, 120 fanatics from the Glenkins, Deray, and neighbouring parishes in Dumfriesshire, none worth 10*l.*, except two mad fellows, the lairds of Barscob and Corsuck, came to Dumfries early in the morning, seized Sir Jas. Turner, commander of a company of men in Dumfriesshire, and carried him, without violence to others, to a strong house in Maxwell town, Galloway, declaring they sought only revenge against the tyrant who had been severe with them for not keeping to church, and had laid their families waste. They are now dispersed, except 20 who guarded him, and who it is feared have cut him off. The Archbishop of St. Andrews called a council, and 2,000 foot and 400 horse were sent to prevent any further insurrection, but there is no danger except to the person of Turner. Begs that this may not be published, till all is more certainly known; the fanatics would gladly make a mountain of it.

Nov. 17.
Chester Castle.

103. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. No greater service can be done the King than that of undeceiving the common people, by informing them of what concerns their peace and quiet. They are largely satisfied with the late proclamation against priests and Jesuits, because of many late rumours of Papist plots, which the most intelligent judge to be the old Presbyterian design revived, to disturb the kingdom's peace through the Papists' sides. Wishes the same penal laws were executed against all who will not take the Oath of Supremacy yet pretend so much against popery. Next week there is to be a great hunting amongst the Lancashire Papists, as there has been yearly since the King's return; thinks it is only for recreation, as it is kept by those who have spent their estates and ventured their lives for His Majesty. Is troubled at not hearing from Ireland these three weeks. Will be careful, as behoves all faithful subjects, of homebred designs, by preventing the old cry of fears and jealousies

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Nov. 17. 104. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Has seen no sail nor pick-
Aldborough. eroons since his last, and has no news.

Nov. 17. 105. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships.
Ipswich. They continue killing oxen and hogs, and baking of biscuit weekly ;
but do not brew, having a quantity on hand. The Adventure went
out of Harwich Water into the Rolling Ground this morning.
[Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 17. 106. "An assignment upon Sir Thos. Player, at the Guildhall,
London, March 21, 1665, from Sir George Carteret, treasurer of His
Majesty's Navy, upon the several bills under mentioned," being a
list of 21 bills, amounting to 3,936*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*; headed [by Pepys]
"Mrs. Howell's list of our debts to her." [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 17. 107. J. Sotherne to Thos. Hayter. Theophilus Scott, master of
the Golden Sun belonging to Sir W. Warren, which brought masts
and naval stores to Plymouth, wants provisions, and says he has
hitherto been supplied by the victualler on the King's account.
If so, requests on order to the agent at Plymouth, who refuses to
furnish him without one. Wollard, boatswain of the Francis, is
appointed to the Victory prize. [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 17. 108. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships; 116
Portsmouth. oxen and 180 hogs are slaughtered this week. [Adm. Paper.]

Nov. 17. 109. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Desires the speedy
The Warspite, dispatch of pilots. Has received seven puncheons of brandy, which
Nore. he will distribute, and also 200*l.* If the pilots, men, and clothes
come aboard, intends to sail to-morrow. [Adm. Paper.] Encloses,

109. I. *Agreement by Rich. Caseby to deliver on board the War-
spite, under the command of Capt. Robinson, seven
puncheons of French brandy, for the use of the fleet
riding at the Nore.* Nov. 16, 1666.

Nov. 18? 110. Representation by the Dean of Durham to the King, in
answer to the complaint of the Bishop, that he has acted with his
prebendaries; that they have consented to all the Bishop's just
demands in confirming leases, and confirmed one very unreasonable,
on a promise, never fulfilled, that it should be altered; that they
have confirmed two of the leases required, and will do the third,
from year to year, as requested; the Archbishop of Canterbury and
Lord Chancellor, whose advice they asked, wished to be informed if
the Bishop should press them any further, hoping to persuade him
to desist. [1½ pages.] Annexing,

110. I. *Note of numerous leases granted by the Bishop of
Durham since his consecration, and confirmed by the
Dean and Chapter, from March 1661 to January 1666.
Endorsed with a note by the Bishop that these are offices
of necessity, and have always been confirmed of course.*
[2 pages.]

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Nov. 18. 111. Reply of the Bishop of Durham in detail to each of the above representations. He thinks the Dean opposes him, because he insists on him and the prebendaries paying the subsidies. Has enjoined them to fill up the number of choir men, and amend divers defects and disorders, particularly in repair of the church, which they neglect, though receiving large sums for it, and has ordered the dean to repair a deanery house near Durham. [3 pages.]

Nov. 18. 112. Particulars by the Bishop of Durham of the three concurrent leases made by him, which the Dean and Chapter refuse to confirm; viz., that of the colliery and manor of Wickham and Gateshead to the townsmen of Newcastle; that of the manor of Howden, Yorkshire, the present tenants being persons excepted by the House of Commons, and having injured the lands; and that of the manor of Sadberg, the chief title and earldom of the county palatine of Durham, which the present tenant, taking advantage of the rebellious times, pretends to possess as a copyhold. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 18? 113. List of concurrent leases made by Bishops of Durham and other Bishops, and confirmed by their respective deans and chapters from 1554. [3 pages.]

Nov. 18. 114. John Allen to Williamson. Enquires after the receipt of two letters which he wrote since the fire, and directed to Sir John Birkenhead's son, fearing that Mr. John Richards' lodgings might be removed. Will impart some things worth knowledge when he gets a cypher. Wants an answer sent to Dr. Barlow, Queen's College, Oxford, who knows how to send to him.

Nov. 18. 115. Henry Jackson, a quaker, prisoner for righteousness in Warwick Gaol, to Lord Arlington. Addresses him as a person of tenderness and moderation, and one to whom his case, lately presented to the King, was referred. Came thither to visit a friend who had been prisoner two years for no evil doing; was cast into prison with him, and has been there nearly three years. Thinks Jews, Turks, and infidels would be ashamed to keep a man in prison for such a cause, and it is high time for Christian magistrates to set the innocent free. Obeyed Christ's command in visiting those in prison; was taken prisoner when 10 years old by the King's adversaries, but never bore arms against him. Denies the Pope's supremacy, and should not be kept in prison on an Act made against Popish recusants. Appeals to his lordship against the cruelty of putting a man in chains and irons, and locking him to a post, for no other crime than worshiping God and keeping Christ's commands. God's hand is stretched over England, because of oppressions. Wishes the King and those in power would consider this, that the Lord and such as fear Him may be towards the King for good. Begs him to be guided by the noble principle of equity and truth, to redress the present proceeding and prevent such in future, and wishes him all prosperity of body and soul.

115. I. *List [by Hen. Jackson, prisoner,] of 22 Quakers, prisoners in Warwick common gaol, to remain for life, some taken*

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from their families, others taken for visiting their friends in prison, six taken from an inn at Warwick where they were supping, all returned prisoners without indictment, conviction, or sentence in open court; some have already been prisoners five years, the rest two years and three quarters. Also list of seven more fined 30 marks for waiting upon God, and sent till payment to prison, where they have been two years and five months.

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Nov. 18. 116. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Nine Holland men-of-war have been seen off the coast, supposed to be the same that forced Capt. Gunman and most of his fleet into the Humber. Five of the seven or eight put ashore between the Humber and Burlington will be lost. The fleet for London dares not stir without better convoy.

Nov. 18. 117. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Hopewell of London has come in from Virginia, laden with tobacco. Thirty sail with two convoys have sailed westward. The Jane of London has come in to load pilchards for the Straits.

Nov. 18. 118. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The sickness is much abated, only two or three have died this week. A Swedish ship, laden with clapboards for France, has come in, and in her seven days' passage met only one Dutch man-of-war. The York has been launched, well repaired.

Nov. 18. 119. John Bower to James Hickes. The Orange, which convoyed the light colliers, got safe into the Humber with 22 sail; 23 or 24 got into Tynemouth Haven, 7 into Bridlington; knows nothing of the rest; fears much harm is done, and more will be, unless there be a winter guard for the coast. There is a report that Oxford is fired. Prays for an end to wicked designs and bad and dangerous times.

Nov. 18. 120. Willm. Wakeman to Williamson. Eight vessels for Virginia, one for Barbadoes, and two for Newfoundland are ready to sail the first fair wind.

Nov. 18. 121. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Few vessels have passed by. The plague is abating; only 18 burials are reported last week, but fresh houses break out daily, and many die.

Nov. 19. 122. "Advices," being memoranda from letters calendared above. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 19. 123. Shar. Talbot to Williamson. Missed him twice at Court, but has left eight new crowns with Mr. Hickes, in part of gratitude for his weekly remembrance. Hearing that he has the Paper Office, asked Hickes to send him a ream of writing paper, his stock being nearly spent, and having to write many letters by the post.

Nov. 19. 124. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. It is feared this week's bill [of mortality] will be an increase.

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Nov. 19. 125. [T. Corie] to Williamson. Again begs an order to open
Norwich. letters directed to suspicious persons, thereby to discover whence the
false reports disseminated arise. Would have begged aid from a
deputy lieutenant had there been one in town. Sends him by the
Norwich cart a pot of 40 baked teal, and when those are done. Mr.
Dean (dean of Norwich?) will crave his judgment of a pot of
mallard.
- Nov. 19. 126. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his letter of the
Weymouth. 14th.
- Nov. 19. 127. Willm. Genvey to Williamson. Account of ships in the
Deal. Downs. A Deal hoy from London, laden with grocers' goods, sunk
right down. Requests the public news.
- Nov. 19. 128. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The Dutch prize is gone to
Pembroke. sea. Capt. Williamson, who brought in a wine vessel from Madeira,
turned the King's officers ashore, and has gone to Ireland. A Portu-
guese vessel, laden with wines from Phiall, is at Tenby. The Martin
is still there, with some colliers bound for Plymouth.
- Nov. 19. 129. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Nov. 19. 130. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Wonders the magistrates do
Yarmouth. not question the reporters of the forged stories flying up and down;
such as that there is great discord at Court; that the House of
Lords is dissolved; that the Duke of Albemarle stands by the House
of Commons, and if he had not opposed, the Lords would have
turned Sir John Robinson out of the Tower, and put in a papist.
The Richmond, with eight herring vessels, has sailed for Ostend, and
10 or 12 Ostenders, which were stayed lest they should have given
intelligence to the enemy of our vessels coming, will follow.
- Nov. 19. 131. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has nothing to tell worth
Truro. the notice.
- Nov. 19. 132. Jo Man to Williamson. Those parts are barren of news.
Swansea.
- Nov. 19. 133. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. A Dutch ship of 200 tons was
Chester. wrecked at Barmouth in Merionethshire, and the men all lost. The
Vice-Admiral has secured 250 hogsheads of her lading of wine and
brandy. Has discovered a reporter who spreads reports of armed
men being seen on horseback, and had him examined before Sir
Geoffry Shakerley, with whose assistance, hopes to stop such
mischievous lies. Capt. George Hosier, governor of Salop Castle,
desires much to have Williamson's correspondence, and is a very
worthy man.
- Nov. 19. 134. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Wreck of a Dutch
Chester Castle. vessel at Barmouth. Is trying to find out the truth of a report that
80 men, well horsed and armed, were seen in the neighbourhood,
and if false, to punish the reporters. The fanatics are very active,

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and bring in the old device of raising jealousies and fears by their false rumours; wishes due orders were given for their severe punishment.

Nov. 19.
Bristol.

135. [Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson.] Thinks that the reports about the country are spread by design of persons ill-affected to the government. The common people, though cheated into 20 years, wars by the same artificers, think of nothing but the present. There is a report that a country fellow, coming late at night from work, saw 300 horse marching, well armed and horsed; thus they support the hearts of their party, by intimating that they can muster many horse and foot; also that the Duke of Albemarle has laid down his commission, because Papists are so countenanced, and such great taxes laid; also, that the seas are full of the Dutch and French fleets, who have a land army ready to invade us, and to join the numerous disaffected party.

Nov. 19.
Southwold.

136. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. Twelve vessels, supposed to be for Ostend, have passed by; two vessels, laden with cheese, butter, and herrings, have left for London.

Nov. 19.
Pendennis.

137. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The fleet of 40 sail, with their convoys, has sailed. Particulars of vessels in port; one bound for Barbadoes is stopped by the deputy vice-admiral, on complaint of some persons who made their escape out of the ship that they were spirited, and that some sent on board on pretence of working were immediately thrust into the hold, and carried away.

Nov. 19.
Truro.

138. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. Thanks for his last letter.

Nov. 19.
London.

139. Philosophical Transactions, No. 19, being the papers read before the Royal Society on that day. [*Printed. 24 pages.*]

Nov. 19?

140. Notice to Jos. Williamson, member of the Council of the Royal Society, to attend at Gresham College, at 9 a.m., Nov. 30, for election of the council and officers for the ensuing year, signed by Lord Brouncker. *Annexing,*

140. I. *List of the 163 fellows of the Royal Society, from whom 10 are to be chosen into the council, Nov. 30, 1666; also list of the present council, William Viscount Brouncker, president, and 20 members, 11 of whom are to be continued.*

Nov. 19.
Dover.

141. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Went off with one of the sweeping boats to see if the vessels sent down to weigh the anchors wanted any help of the boats ready to assist them. The sea was so high that there was no use for the boats; they intend spending another day as near the place as they can, to see if there are any buoys; if not, the next foul weather they intend for the Downs, having little hopes of doing any good in the business. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Portsmouth
Dock.

142. John Tinker to Sam. Pepys. Promised the men from the Sovereign, before they went to London, that if they would remain they should be paid ; encloses the names of those that remain. Has cleared off some likely boys who were servants. The ordinary is so small that the number allowed had need be all able seamen ; she used to be allowed 80 men, and there is employment for them all the year there, because they are not allowed any seamen as in other yards. Is forced to make use of carpenters, joiners, sawyers, and ropemakers to get ships in and out of dock, the men being so idle that they give no attendance, which puts His Majesty to a great charge, and hinders other business of importance. Wishes as little charge as may be, but is sure a good ordinary would save money, and do business which is left undone ; has had the Slothany ashore, but could not get her clear, the men being all gone, and boys only remaining. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

142. I. *List of 15 men of the Royal Sovereign, now in ordinary at Portsmouth.* Nov. 20, 1666.

Nov. 20.
Deal.

143. John Culmer to Sir Thos. Allin. Has been with his great boat and men, and with the Drake and Sir Thomas's pink, to Dungeness, where the ship let slip [her anchor, &c.], but cannot see any buoy, nor is it any use to sweep for lost anchors and cables, except a man has marks, they lying at such a depth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20.
Deal.

144. John Culmer to Sir Wm. Batten. To the same effect. Thinks it a thousand to one if the anchors are ever met with. Sir Thos. Allin's pink is returned from the Downs.

Nov. 20.
Surgeons' Hall.

145. Thos. Hollier, master, and J. Pearse, warden of the Barber Surgeons' Company, to the Navy Comrs. At a meeting of the members of their society to consider of a way for raising money for rebuilding of their hall consumed by the fire, it was found that many surgeons in the ships had promised to contribute. Desires directions to the paymasters to receive of every surgeon, as he is paid off, what he is willing to give. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20.
Dover.

146. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Little Mary has come in to have her decks mended, by order of the Duke of Albemarle. She shipped so much water they were afraid she would sink at anchor ; the wind and sea forced her at first into Rye. Shall do his best to dispatch her, but it will be the 13th or 14th of December before there will be water to get her out. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20.
London.

147. Sir John Colleton to Lord Arlington. Capt. Gooseberry, who is gone to seek the other witnesses, will wait on his lordship this afternoon.

Nov. 20.
Plymouth.

148. John Clarke to Williamson. Has no news ; those parts are in good health.

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149. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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- Nov. 20. 150. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Departure of ships; the wind
Harwich. is changeable, the coast quiet. Sends his prizes single, without
convoy, to the Thames.
- Nov. 20. 151. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Norwich is going to
Portsmouth. the Downs, the Sweepstakes to Spithead, to transport Bishop Russel
for Lisbon.
- Nov. 20. 152. Rich. Forster to Williamson. It is feared that five small
Newcastle. Sunderland ships and one of Newcastle, laden with salt, which
sailed on Saturday, are taken; can hear nothing of the rest of the
fleet that sailed from Yarmouth.
- Nov. 20. 153. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the
Whitehall. prize ship *Brandaris* of 250 tons, now in the Thames, to Capt. Robt.
Clarke, as the King's free gift, for services at sea in the late
expedition.
- Nov. 20. 154. Sir John Towris to the Earl of Lauderdale. Has heard of
Marshalsea an affair with which the King should be acquainted, and informs of
Prison. it from duty and allegiance, not from hope of bettering his un-
fortunate condition. The person who foretold the plague and the
fire has foretold some hazard to His Majesty's most sacred person.
Thinks the person should be seized, and made to declare the same.
Would freely sacrifice thousands of lives for His Majesty.
- Nov. 20. 155. Earl of Annandale to Sir Edw. Musgrave. Sir Jas. Turner,
Dumfries. was surprised and taken in Dumfries, with a few of his party,
the rest being in the country, by 200 fanatics, who keep him
prisoner, and are plundering houses, &c. Is marching to Galloway,
and Lieut.-General Dalziell, with most of the standing forces, is
ordered out against them. The rebels talk largely of their expedi-
tions, both in Scotland and in England.
- Nov. 20. 156. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The 120 men named before
Edinburgh. [see Nov. 17] have drawn to them all the discontented spirits in
Galloway, Carrick, &c., and are now 500 horse and foot. The Earl
of Annandale and Lord Drumlamrig have drawn together 2,000
horse to seek them out, and the Lord General leads 2,000 foot,
500 horses and 4 pieces of cannon, to fall on them. Hopes all the
fanatics are drawn together, and trusts soon to give an account of
some of their heads taken off for their rebellion. They have few
arms except scythes, made straight and put on long staves. They
cry for the covenant and down with the bishops. Much robbing is
going on in the north. The Earl of Galloway and Visct. Kenmure
have drawn their forces together against these rebles.
- Nov. 21. 157. Thos. Corie to Williamson. Sends a bill of mortality and
Norwich. the hearty services of Mr. Dean [of Norwich?].
- Nov. 21. 158. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news.
Norwich.

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Nov. 21. 159. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Notwithstanding the hot
London. alarm of rebellion in Scotland, a letter from Edinburgh to Sir Phil. Frowde reports peace and quietness in that kingdom.
- Nov. 21. 160. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Capt. Welsh, in a Dublin
Falmouth. privateer, has brought in two prizes. The King David and the Hopewell of London, both from Virginia, have gone for London, but will stay at Plymouth for convoy.
- Nov. 21. 161. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. above, and his letter of the 18th instant.
- Nov. 21. 162. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared
above.
- Nov. 21. 163. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for Squire Wil-
Plymouth. liamson's letter of the 17th instant.
- Nov. 21. 164. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.
- Nov. 21. 165. Willm. Genvey to Williamson. Account of vessels in the
Deal. Downs; four which came from Bourdeaux report that 20 more came out with them, all bound for London.
- Nov. 21. 166. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Hopes his letters have been
Lyme. regularly received, though sent to Crukerne by any hand, the post not coming constantly as usual. The people are highly pleased with the proclamation for punishing popish priests and Jesuits, and now the Papists dare not appear armed, as it was confidently affirmed they did, and sometimes in considerable parties. Sends a paper of which many thousands have been printed and thrown about the streets of London by the Papists, who are said to have designed the 23rd instant for a rising. *Annexing,*
166. I. *Ticket with a small rhomb in two corners inscribed:*
I. H.† S: C. L: 23.
- Nov. 21. 167. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Welsh, of a Dublin
Pendennis. privateer, has brought into Helford two prizes, in which Sir John Stephens, governor of the castle, has a great interest. One laden with wine and brandy is said to belong to Bruges, but the goods Dutch, the other is a Frenchman, laden with pipe staves.
- Nov. 21. 168. Examination of Elizabeth Brunker, of Banbury, co. Oxford, before Thomas Earl of Down, Sir Thos. Chamberlain, Bart., and George Chamberlain, justices of peace, and Wm. Hawtayne, mayor of Banbury. Is a servant at the Unicorn, Banbury. On the 20th, Albertus Otto Faber, a German physician, Rich. Boulton, his servant, Obadiah Gray, and Thos. Purvey lodged there; overheard them whispering, and one say "when we have done our mischief, we will take our horses and ride out, because we should not be thought to have a hand in it, and afterwards will come in again, and bemoan their conditions, that they may conclude that we have no

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hand in it." Then they read a paper, talked of what the rich devils will do when they see fire about their ears, spoke of their bargain, said their charges would be borne, and they would want no money, when in London; also that they should do well if they did their business privately, but should suffer if discovered. They looked out several times to see if any one hearkened.

Nov. 21. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to take into custody the person of Godfrey Touret, for corresponding with the King's enemies. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 279.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant for apprehending John Walterer and John Browne. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 279.*]

Nov. 21. Pass for Mr. Roper into Portugal. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 280.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] for delivery of the ship Gilded Fox to Hannah, widow of Capt. John Geoffry. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 210.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prisoners of War to discharge — Hubert in exchange for Capt. Wm. Martin, late commander of the ship East India London. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 280.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley to sign a contract between the Crown and Sir Gervase Lucas [*see Sept. 14.*]. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 280.*]

Nov. 21. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth confirming Sir Herbert Price in his office of master of the household, with the usual emoluments, &c., from which he is debarred on the ground that he was only entered as a supernumerary in the last book for regulation of the household; renewing also a former warrant for payment of his arrears. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 281-2.*]

Nov. [21.] 169. Draft of the above. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Nov. [21.] 170, 171. Two other drafts, omitting the clause for payment of
Whitehall. arrears. [2 pages.]

[Nov. 21.] 172. Request by Capt. Gisbert Petersen, captain of the Prince of Orange's sailing waggons at Scheveling, who wafted the King on board his fleet at the Restoration, for permission to fish where he pleases, in his vessel the Young Prince of Orange, and shelter or refresh himself in any of His Majesty's ports. With draft of the following licence.

Nov. 21. Licence to Gisbert Petersen, of Scheveling, captain of the sailing waggons of the Prince of Orange, to fish in the English seas, shelter in the ports, and carry the fish to Holland, provided he do not convey thither persons, letters, or notices of things relating to the King's navy or government. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 283.*]

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Nov. 21. Warrant appointing Henry Glover keeper of the Royal Theatre
[Whitehall.] at Whitehall, with the scenes, engines, &c., fee 30*l.* a year, from the money allowed for plays, &c. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 284.]

Nov. [21.] 173. Draft of the above.

Nov. 21. 174. Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Lord Arlington. Sends
Covent Garden. letters just received from Col. Butler, that the King may be acquainted therewith, lest the writer should be thought to incline to such ill people. *Encloses,*

174. I. *Nic. Veel to his brother Tom. The royal aid is now over. Sends up in 93 bags 9,400*l.*, and begs that diligent enquiry may be made after its arrival in London. He is to dispose of it as affairs require. On Tuesday a party of 50 or 60 horse appeared at Anst, passed by the writer's house to Urcott's Green, and took a guide to Acton.*
Gloucester, Nov. 17, 1666.

174. II. *Rich. Houlding to his brother. Heard that a party of 50 horse came down by Alveston house, and thence to Acton, pretending to be the Duke of Richmond's retinue. 500 horse are said to have been seen, and the country is full of such reports.*
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Nov. 21. 175. Certificate by Thos. Harper of pumps, leather hose, and cable
Deptford. supplied to 20 ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 21. 176. Capt. John Berry to the Navy Comrs. Has taken in most
The Coronation, of his beer, and will set a new foremast to-morrow. Is in great
Long Reach. want of men; those that came home in the ship have deserted, and the clerk of the cheque at Woolwich refuses to enter those he now has without orders. Asks for some men out of the Guinea.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 22. 1. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A Falmouth vessel has taken in
Truro. 50,000 of tin, and is bound for London, for the merchants' account, not for the farmers.

Nov. 22 2. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has no news.
Swansea.

Nov. 22. 3. [H. Muddiman] to Jas. Weld, Lowestoft. News letter. Items
Whitehall. mentioned in his letter of November 17. The accident of the four Dutch men-of-war attacking the collier fleet was not as bad as might be expected. The Orange and 40 sail gained the port of Hull; some were taken there, and eight or nine were forced ashore; some got into Burlington Bay, others close ashore about Hornsea. The forerunners, 40 sail, were too far out for this, and were chased

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on the 15th, but without loss; on the 16th they put out to sea, and all escaped except two or three. On Sunday, Dr. Dolben, Dean of Westminster, is to be consecrated Bishop of Rochester.

A Virginia ship, arrived at Portsmouth, met no enemy in six weeks' passage. Some English prisoners report the Dutch to be in a much worse condition than they boast of, their seamen half paid and discontented, the people gaping after a peace, and provisions so dear that beef is $10\frac{1}{2}d.$ a pound. The poll money bill has been brought in; all except those receiving alms or under 14 years old are to pay 1s. a head; also a proportion varying from 1s. to 3s. a pound on their incomes, and one per cent. on personal estate. Of eight men and a woman from York gaol, shipped for the West Indies, five escaped out of the river. No further mischief is to be feared from the commotion at Dumfries than such feuds as are frequent amongst them. The [House of Commons], on hearing the arguments between [Rob.] Roberts and [Thos.] Gwynne about Boddenham [John Bodville]'s estate, ordered the bill in favour of Mr. Roberts to be committed. An embargo is laid on ships going out without the Duke of York's pass, and they are to give security for their return, that seamen may not be wanting if needed next spring. [3 pages.]

Nov. 22. 4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Adventure has arrived, Portsmouth. and is to be of the western squadron. The Sapphire has sent in a French prize to the Commissioners at Cowes.

Nov. [22.] 5. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The ships that sailed for Ostend Yarmouth. are driven back. A Swede reports that when the light collier fleet saw the four Dutch men-of-war off Burlington, they divided; 28 small vessels with one convoy made for the Humber, and two Dutch vessels went after them; the other two stood after the great ships, which went out to sea; he also reports six more Dutch men-of-war off Flamborough Head. A galliot of four guns has taken two Southwold and one Yarmouth vessel, bound for London.

Nov. 22. 6. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Capture of the above-named Aldborough. three vessels; the men from two escaped in boats, but those from the third were taken prisoners. A fleet of 20 sail has passed northward. A vessel sought the protection of the town guns, fearing a small ship, supposed to be the French man-of-war that took the others.

Nov. 22. 7. Joh. Smith to Williamson. A shallop has arrived with the Margate. corpse of a late ambassador in France, and his lady [*the late Sir Rich. Fanshaw and Lady Fanshaw, from Spain*]; thinks his name was Holles. On the way she took a Dutch junk of 100 guns. Several Ostenders have come in from London.

Nov. 22. 8. Navy Comrs. to Lord Admiral the Duke of York. Confirm their Navy Office. former opinion, founded on that of able shipwrights and brethren of the Trinity House, that the St. Andrew is unfit for repair, and that it would be best to dispose of her hull and yards at a public sale. Request a warrant accordingly, and also a similar one for the Bear, a Custom-house boat, now unserviceable.

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Edinburgh.

9. Ro. M[ein] to Williamson. The breaking out of the rebels in the west has cured the Bishop of Glasgow; he is coming to Edinburgh. The Council wrote to several of the nobility to raise the country, and aid the general, but the rebels sent a party, headed by Rob. Traill's son, to surprise the carrier and seize the letters. One of them is taken up in Edinburgh, but he varies much in his reports; he told a pretended rebel that he had a roll of names of persons to come to, but conceals it. The General lies at Glasgow, waiting for his horse. A proclamation is issued ordering all to submit within 24 hours, on promise of pardon, or then to be declared rebels, with all their abettors. An oath is to be tendered to all the country, pledging them to aid in quelling this or any other insurrection; 800 are said to be near Glasgow, but they call every 20, 120. They will hardly find provisions; they are cowardly fellows, five of the Earl of Annandale's men slew or chased 12 of them. They profess to fight for King and Covenant; their leader is James Wallace, of Athens, whom they call the good man. Most of their captains are deposed ministers. [2 pages.]

Nov. 22.

Letter to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge to admit John Wood to the degree of D.D. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 103.*]

Nov. 22.

Order for a warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to deliver up the Brandaris fly boat, a prize, to Capt. Anthony Langston, on whom the King has bestowed it. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 104.*]

Nov. 22.

Licences to Fras. Leveson, high sheriff of Shropshire, Wm. Dormer, of Oxfordshire, and Rich. Whitmore, of Gloucestershire, to live out of their counties. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 206.*]

Nov. 22.

Warrant for restitution of temporalities to Dr. Dolben, confirmed Bishop of Rochester. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 54.*]

Nov. 22.

Warrant for a congé d'élire and commendam for him to hold the said bishopric with Westminster, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 54.*]

Nov. 22.

Commission for John Titus to be lieutenant to Capt. Titus in the Admiral's regiment. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 135a.*]

Nov. 23.

Licence for the Dolphin, Henry Wallis master, to go to Malaga, giving security at the Custom House to return again by March 20. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 104.*]

Nov. 23.

The King to [the Master, &c.] of Trinity College, Cambridge Wishes them to admit Henry, son of Sir Henry Carey, as a fellow, on account of the services and sufferings of his father in the royal cause, and his own merit. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 105.*]

Nov. 23.

10. P. Lady Williams to Williamson. Enquires after her lost daughter, who was conveyed from England into France or Flanders, by a friar from Somerset House, named Uleriano. Would have waited on him but for her sad condition.

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Nov. 23.
Pembroke.

11. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Departure of vessels. A Flemish ship, driven on shore in North Wales, is said to have 600 pieces of Spanish wines in her, and not a man on board. The Martin waits a wind to take the colliers that go about land.

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12. Fras. Malory to James Hickee. To the same effect.

Nov. 23.
Yarmouth.

13. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A ketch put in by a storm reports that 18 frigates are sailing for the Gottenburg fleet.

Nov. 23.
Plymouth Fort.

14. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Mynheer Kievit's ship has sailed with a convoy; put on board her two chests with marble tables for the King; hopes she has arrived safely, in spite of the storms. The Forester has come in for repairs, and seen several French and other vessels. A vessel of 50 tons that has spent its foremast has come in.

Nov. 23.
Plymouth.

15. John Neell to Williamson. Departure of ships. Is sorry Phil. Lanyon does not understand his place better. Thanks for his offer at Court; will propose a design which will be profitable to them both. Longs to hear of the safe arrival of his ship.

Nov. 23.
London.

16. Giov. Fras. Finochelli to Sir Ant. Des Marces. Could not get the cloth for want of knowledge and money; Simon Menselli has promised to find friends and money. Requests payment of 3*l*. to M. Menselli, as promised. [*French.*] With receipt of the said 3*l*. by Menselli. London, 9th October 1667. [*Italian.*] *Enclosing,*

16. I. *Note of several new descriptions of lottery games. [Italian.]*

16. II. *Note of obligation to Capt. Ja. Roche, that Finochelli will not leave London before satisfying him in the sum of 70*l*., according to a former obligation signed in presence of witnesses. [Italian.]*

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Nov. 23.
Barnstaple.

17. Willm. Wakeman to Williamson. A fire at Newport, a place near, has burned a small house, but the care of the people prevented it spreading to three barns full of corn.

Nov. 23.
Newcastle.

18. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Vessels from Norfolk report most of the coal fleet that was attacked to be safe in the Humber or Burlington, so hopes the loss is not considerable. An express went through last night, reporting that the French and Dutch have landed and taken Edinburgh and Leith, but sober people believe they have only landed and plundered some small villages. It is feared they will attempt the great fleet of 340 laden colliers now at Shields.

Nov. 23.
Plymouth.

19. John Clarke to Williamson. The Forester reports that he saw several French men-of-war in the Soundings. A salt vessel has arrived from Rochelle.

Nov. 23.

20. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one from Dublin, Nov. 13, that the Lord Lieu-

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tenant and Council of Ireland are to hear counsel on behalf of the soldiers and adventurers, after which the Lord Lieutenant will go for Kilkenny.

Nov. 23.
London.

21. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Asks whether Capt. Carr has returned the scheme of the post roads. Begs him to write and require it to be sent. Two gentlemen have written to decline taking the Gazette, as they hear that Mr. Muddiman's letters are more satisfactory. Has advised them to accept Williamson's news instead. The Gazettes go off very slowly at Dublin, because of their want of London news. *Annexing,*

21. I. *Plan of the principal post roads, with their several branches and the distances between the respective stations.*
[2 pages.]

21. II. *Account of post stages from Pembroke to London, and Norwich to London.*

21. III. *Note of the arrival of the Edinburgh mail, and of the time which is occupied in travelling between several stations on the road.*

21. IV. *Statement of the days of departure of the mails from the chief continental cities, and of their arrival in London in periods of from 3 to 25 days.*

Nov. 23.

22. James Hickes to [Williamson]. The labels from the North show that the post is only riding three miles an hour, and in some parts less than two miles. Gives the hours of arrival, at the several posthouses, of the mail that left Edinburgh on the 18th, 3 a.m., and reached London on the 23rd, 11½ a.m.

Nov. 23.
Hull.

23. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Nothing will please the Hull merchants and seamen, unless care be taken for them as well as others; they say the trade of the port is not so small as to be neglected. The Holland men-of-war fell in with the ships under Capt. Gunman's convoy before they could get into Tynemouth bar, took some, and put others on shore. There are many jealousies and discontents. Hopes the garrison will be able to secure those parts.

Nov. 23.

24. Instructions from the King for the Earl of Carlisle going to his lieutenancy. Sends him to order the militia drawn together in Cumberland and Westmoreland, on news of disorders happened in Scotland, by keeping them together, or warning them to be ready when called on, taking with him such of his militia officers as are in town. Has commanded the Earl of Rothes, Commissioner for Scotland, to repair thither with all possible speed. Orders Lord Carlisle to send to his aid Lord Frescheville's troop and Sir Edw. Charleton's foot company from Hartlepool, with such forces as can be drawn together in his lieutenancy or in Northumberland, the deputy lieutenants whereof are enjoined to obey his orders. These, with his own disbanded troop, re-assembled if needful, are to march northward under Lord Frescheville, if the Earl of Rothes need their assistance, and to be supplied with ammunition from the

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governors of Carlisle, Tynemouth, and Berwick, and also with arms for arming Capt. Hurlston's company in Sir George Fletcher's regiment, if needful; expresses of his proceedings are to be sent from time to time to a Secretary of State. [*2½ pages.*]

Nov. ? 25. Note of powers granted to the Earl of Carlisle for leading and conducting [the militia] in the northern towns and counties.

Nov. 23. 26. J. A. to Robt. Washington, merchant in Rotterdam. There has been a riot in Scotland; some who would not go to church being fined 12*d.*, and every time 12*d.* more, opposed the collector of the money, and got 200 horse and 200 foot together, dismounted two troops of the King's horse, and took Dumfries garrison, which they keep in their own defence. The news found the King at a ball on Tuesday, and Lord Carlisle is sent down with 500 men. The parson of Hackney, preaching from Ezra, chap. iv., vs. 12-17, made London the parallel of the text, and told the people that the King ought not to let the city be built again; they commanded him silence, and pulled him down for not obeying. [*Extract.*]

Nov. 23. 27. Information against John Peirce, of Sittingbourne. He affirms that his house is as much a posthouse as any in the town, and he as much a postmaster as Mr. Webb; he sent away a horse and guide on 19 October, and has several times stopped foreigners and strangers, who would otherwise have gone to the posthouse. With the names of three witnesses in the margin.

Nov. 23. Order on the petition of Jane Palmer, widow, for the arrears of her pension of 4*s.* a week, recommending her to the charity of the justices of peace for Berkshire to order the making good of the said arrears, and to continue to her such further allowance as their stock may bear. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 229.*]

Nov. 23. 28. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has acquainted Portsmouth. Mr. Tippetts with the contents of his letter. Thanks him for not advising him to pass his word for any more money. Had he been as wise a month since, would have been free from many troubles, but all things will order—God, time and patience doing strange things. Reminds him of the old saying "that the burnt child dreads the fire." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. 29. Estimate by John Tippetts of the charge for repairing the Portsmouth. Fountain; total cost, 200*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. 30. Capt. John Silver to Mr. Hayter. Asks for blank tickets The Kent. for the discharge of soldiers from the Kent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. 31. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Is getting men for the Plymouth. Golden Sun. The victualler wants an order to supply victuals. The Forester has put in from her station with a leak; hopes to persuade the carpenters to dispatch her in a few days. They complain very

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much of the want of money. Has often acquainted their honours with the Hulk's condition and want of a cable; the boatswain says she has now parted with her cable and rides by the Forester's cables: requests their orders thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24.
Ipswich.

32. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. They continue killing oxen and hogs, and baking biscuits, but do not brew. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24.
Portsmouth.

33. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of the Swallow ketch; 197 hogs were slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24.
Postmaster's,
Rye.

34. Capt. Valen. Pyne to the Navy Comrs. Brought the St. Andrew ashore. As soon as the tide left, her seams and butts opened, and made much water, the weight of which settled her keel, and the ground under her lee-bilge giving way, she fell over, so that all on board ran to leeward. Set men to dig under her weather bilge, and got out the boatswain and carpenter's stores, which are secured ashore; the sails being all wet, spread them upon the beach to dry. Has been at work day and night ever since, and has now got her upright. Wishes a vessel would come to take in the boatswain and carpenter's stores, and also a convoy for her and the rest, that they may be shipped off before the company begins to straggle, they lying mostly ashore, as the ship sinks every tide. The ordnance and gunner's stores are all out, and shipped, and a vessel ready to take in the powder. Desires their commands concerning his company, when the business is dispatched. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24.
Edinburgh.

35. R. M. [Rob. Mein] to Williamson. The lieutenant-general was sent forward with 200 horse and 100 dragoons, but he could not find the rebels; they are said to be a confused rabble of 600, of whom only 200 have better arms than scythes, forks, &c. There is an alarm at Leith of ships seen, some call them Dutch, some English; the country is appointed to meet under the sheriffs. The rendezvous of Mid Lothian was held to day, 500 good horse. The lords of session have appointed the college of justice, who will make up a regiment of 500 horse, to be ready. The bailies of Leith have planted the guns from some ships on the citadel, and have a ship provided to sink at the mouth of the river, to prevent the entrance of fire-ships. The country rises willingly against both enemies, but arms are wanted.

Nov. 24.
West Cowes.

36. John Lysle to Williamson. The Plymouth Straits ships wait for a wind. The Sapphire has taken a French prize laden with bank fish. They met off Land's End 30 Virginia ships, with their convoy, which was to conduct them 100 leagues, and also with other merchantmen bound for Spain. They met no man-of-war whilst cruising in the Channel. Is in despair at not hearing from him nor Sir Thos. Prestwich about his concerns. [*1½ pages.*]

Nov. 24.
Dover.

37. Warham Jemmett, sen., to [Williamson]. The lights of the South Foreland are so negligently kept that several vessels have been endangered, and others have had to lie by whole nights, because

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they could not see them; complaints should be made to those who farm the lights from the Duke of York, and who put in careless people on the sea shore to manage the lights; it would be better not to have them at all than for people to be deceived by having them at some times and not at others.

Nov. 24.
Dover.

38. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. As to the colliers, Edw. Kelsey, a master collier, says the demand of convoy money and the abuses thereby are so common at Newcastle, that when the fleet of 200 sail arrives at London, the masters will be able to give information to Lord Arlington. The Sapphire's boat came to demand convoy money of Kelsey and the other master; they, seeing that others had their men pressed unless they paid, said that they had little money, but would pay a crown each, which they did; the convoys were not satisfied, and did not give them an order for protection, and seeing the abuses and delays of the convoys, the vessels sailed without them, and got safe to port. Has himself a vessel of 120 tons, which has waited at Newcastle three months for a convoy. The Frenchman who was examined was a gentleman of good family, banished from Languedoc, and came to England for protection; consulted Dr. Hinde, because one of his certificates was in Italian, which Dr. Hinde understands. Is glad to be reminded of even suspected crimes, which might injure his reputation. Sent the French mail this morning; it was not opened at sea by capers this time. [2 pages.]

Nov. 24.
Weymouth.

39. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has no news.

Nov. 24.
Bridlington.

40. John Bower to James Hickes. Ten ships from Lynn have passed; no enemy has been seen to the northward. Wishes a winter guard providing for the coast.

Nov. 24.
Whitehall.

41. [H. Muddiman] to John Witty, collector at Poole. Newsletter. Repeats several items of the letter of Nov. 22. The departure of the Hamburg fleet has not yet been heard of; the convoy is strong enough to encounter the Dutch fleet which Holland letters say is sent abroad mainly against these ships. The House of Commons has committed a bill for relief of prisoners for debt, and added to the poll bill clauses that all gentlemen of quality should pay 20s. per cent. on personal estates, and every person not frequenting church double rates, according to their respective qualities. The sickness had abated at Salisbury, when about six died in a fortnight at Canterbury, one in 10 days, and at Norwich 30. There have been some disturbances about hearth money, easily suppressed, which are referred to the consideration of a Committee of Council, and that at Hereford, which was a more considerable riot, is to be enquired into by the Lord Lieutenant. The Scotch business has gone farther than was imagined, for some discontented persons laid hold on the occasion to join together, and formally to declare for King and Covenant; they are reported about 4,000, under command of Gilby Carr but not formidable, as the Duke of Hamilton and Lord Annandale write

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word to the King that they will be able to give a good account of them before the forces from Edinburgh arrive. These latter are 2,000 foot and 400 horse, well armed and disciplined, while the insurrectionists are an unmodelled multitude, such as have not been trusted with arms. An express is sent to order the Earl of Carlisle down to the north. The Dutch are carrying on their preparations by sea, thinking themselves secured by land through their new alliances, into which they boast that the Emperor and Spain would enter, if France would admit it. They cannot conclude a peace with Sweden, because Sweden refuses an act of neutrality, without which Holland refuses to treat. [3 pages.]

Nov. 24. 42. Rich. Browne to Williamson. On Thursday the Gottenburg
Aldborough. fleet, 23 in number, came into the road, but went northward the same day. There has been a storm of south-west wind.

Nov. 24. 43. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Hopes the Hamburg and Got-
Harwich. tenburg fleets will have nearly got into port, the wind has been so favourable; 300 Holland prisoners from Sudbury and Ipswich have been clothed since coming out of prison, and have several days expected a Holland man-of-war to come for them. All the ships of the winter guard sent there to be refitted are gone or ready to sail. Several light ships want a convoy to Hull and Newcastle.

Nov. 24. 44. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Nov. 24. 45. Establishment of a company of 60 soldiers, with officers, &c.,
for Chepstow garrison, to begin from Nov. 24, 1666; total cost, 1,116*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* a year; signed by the King, Duke of Albemarle, and Lord Arlington.

Nov. 24. 46. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Will obey
Bristol. his orders, and on departure of the fleets, inform him by what masters the letters are sent; 20 or 30 Virginia or Barbadoes men will be ready the first fair wind.

Nov. 24. The King to John Webb, of Butleigh, co. Somerset. Authorizes
Whitehall. him to act as surveyor assistant to Sir John Denham, in the erection of the palace at Greenwich, with power to grant warrants for Portland stone, an allowance of 200*l.* a year, as Denham has, and his travelling charges to be paid monthly, beginning from January 1664. [*Ent. Book* 14, pp. 106-7.]

Nov. ? 47. Petition of Fras. Mawbarne to Lord Arlington, for release; is sorry for having incurred the King's displeasure for printing unlawful books, and has satisfied the person at York by whom he is detained prisoner.

Nov. 24. 48. Bond by Stephen Bulkeley, printer, and Fras. Mawbarne, stationer, both of York, in 200*l.*, that the former shall not print, publish, nor sell any unlicensed or seditious books or pamphlets, nor any English Bibles of foreign impressions, nor anything that may be to the disadvantage of the King's printers, or the right of any particular person.

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- Nov. 24. 49. Bond of Fras. Mawbarne and Stephen Bulkeley, to the same effect in reference to Fras. Mawbarne.
- Nov. 24. Warrant to — Somner and — Copper, to discharge Francis Mawbarne and Stephen Bulkeley, stationer and printer. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 285.*]
- Nov. 24. Warrant to the Lord General to pay off, and disband the garrison of Upnor Castle, and deliver up the castle to persons appointed by the officers of ordnance. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 285.*]
- [Nov. 24.] 50. Draft of the above.
- Nov. 24. The King to the Lords Lieutenants [of Counties]. The Houses of Parliament having received information of the insolent carriage of Popish recusants, and by an address, requested as a means for prevention thereof that all who refuse the Oath of Allegiance should be disarmed, they are to give effectual orders in their lieutenancies for the oaths to be tendered to all suspected persons; all who refuse to take them are to be disarmed, and an account sent to himself. With list of such of the Lord Lieutenants as were to have their letters sent by Lord Arlington's secretaries. [*Ent. Book 20, pp. 134a, 135a.*]
- [Nov. 24.] 51. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]
- [Nov. 24.] 52. Another draft, with directions [from Lord Arlington] for drawing it up. [*1½ pages.*]
- Nov. 25. 53. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The tower is free from plague. The Sweepstakes is expecting Bishop Russel at Spithead. Portsmouth. The Sapphire and York are repairing.
- Nov. 25. 54. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Arrival of ships. The Forrester and Sapphire are so shattered that they will need repairs. Plymouth. All the west, from Scilly to the soundings, is pestered with capers, which endanger not only those ports but merchant ships expected there, and cause sad complaint that there is not one frigate to the westward to prevent mischief.
- Nov. 25. 55. Thos. Holden to James Hickes, Part of the fleet that left Falmouth. Falmouth. Falmouth on the 15th for the westward met with a storm on the 22nd, which separated them; some have returned there, others gone into other ports.
- Nov. 25. 56. James Hickes to Williamson. Is blamed by Sir Phil. Frowde London. for sending Williamson the post labels, and yet Williamson desires this. Would as soon die as live under such laborious servitude, apart from his relatives, without recreation or repose, and yet not giving content. Has only seen his family once for three hours, since Oct. 4.
- Nov. 25. 57. Hen. Lister to Capt. Chris. Musgrave, Carlisle Castle. Lord Annan. Annandale is at the kirk in Derry, and has seen no enemy except some scouts, with whom he exchanged shots. Gen. Dalziel

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joined him at Sanquair, near Dumfries. The rebels have with them only one person of quality, the Laird of Barscobb, who seized Sir Jas. Turner and three priests, Gabriel Simple, John Fletcher, and John Welsh, who preached at Derry kirk, and desired any that were afraid to withdraw, on which 200 left. Annandale and Hamilton have summoned all between 16 and 60 years old to rendezvous; the rebels are 1,500 strong.

Nov. 25.
Drumlanrig.

58. Earl of Annandale to the Deputy Lieutenants of Westmoreland and Cumberland. The rebels are riding to and fro, and the counties drawing the standing forces together against them. They increase and are about 2,000, and if they can stand out any time, many persons of influence will declare for them. They have marched towards Lanerick in Teesdale, and are very resolute. Great vigour will be needful to maintain the King's rights.

Nov. 25.
Portsmouth.

59. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. On Saturday last 3,000*l.* came down for payment of the York and Slothany, the remainder to be for payment of the yard. The captain of the York says there is 4,000*l.* due to his ship's company, and the captain of the Slothany 1,000*l.*, so that 5,000*l.* out of 3,000*l.*, if it were possible to be taken, leaves nothing. Capt. Hog has brought in a privateer bound for France, laden with deals, they are exceeding good and much better than those that came from Plymouth. Suggests an order from his Royal Highness for landing them in the King's stores; if they belong to his friends, why should he not have them for 9*l.*, and if to his enemies, they are his own. The longer they continue aboard the more they will shrink. Begs him to mind this business and the want of more money. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Nov. 25.
London.

60. Capt. Wm. Traherne to Mr. Hayter. The bearer, Mr. Seburne is appointed surgeon of the East India Merchant; was ordered to turn the former one ashore for giving high offence. Requests if there is any imprest money to be paid, that he may have it, as he is going with the writer to Barbadoes. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 25.
Plymouth.

61. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Forester came in on the 22nd very leaky, and left the Sapphire in the same state. Mr. Matthews of Plymouth spoke her eastward of Scilly; it is supposed she may be in Falmouth. Several of the fleet that went with the Guernsey and Eagle have returned thither and to Dartmouth, through foul weather, with the loss of their masts. Desires Mr. Addes may deliver petty warrants, which will be the means of keeping the men aboard to work, and sooner dispatch the ships. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 25.
Plymouth.

62. J. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Is preparing a new copy of the year's accounts, to supersede those already sent. Desires advice, as the proportion of provisions declared for 1,000 men for 13 months and 1 day, or 365 days, is 365,000 on the bread, but in the beef is only for 364 days, or 52,000 pieces, and to bear proportion with the bread, should be 52,142 and 6 pieces over to be divided into 7.

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Orders have come to the victualler's agent that the extra sixpences and threepences shall be no longer paid; also that casks with iron hoops be ready for Tangiers, that he furnish his stores forthwith with provisions for 1,000 men for six months, and that instead of paying money for short victualling, he give letters of credit for it. For the writer not to have notice of such things will render him incapable of seeing them duly executed, and make the office of surveyor seem needless, such things being essential to his employment. Begs notice when the Commissioners order anything different from the instructions received, or when any ships are consigned for that station, or victualled in that port. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Nov. 25. 63. Certificate by J. Pearse and Robt. Midgley, that the wound received by Capt. Will. Upcher, aboard the Victory, under the command of Sir Christopher Myngs, was very dangerous, and that his sight remains impaired past hope of recovery. With note by T. H[ayter] that 50*l* was allowed to Capt. Robt. Mill for wounds received in the Resolution, wherein he served as reformado in 1653. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 26. 64. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered 10 tons of cordage into the stores at Harwich, and three or four tons remain to be sent. Prays that a bill for 500*l*., for this and for supplies to the Lily and five other ships, may be left with Alderman Backwell. The hoy, with the pitch and tar, will go to Harwich the first safe opportunity. [*Adm Paper*.]

Nov. 26. 65. Licence to John Austen and John Belson, and their servants Whitehall. to go and remain beyond sea three years, for better improvement in their studies. [*Damaged*.]

Nov. ? 66. Petition of Capt. Robt. Clarke to the King for one of the four prizes sent in by him to Harwich last May, in regard of his endeavours in the service, and his losses in the late dismal fire.

Nov. 26. 67. Order by the Commissioners of Prizes to the Commissioners Whitehall. for the port of London, for delivery to Capt. Robt. Clarke of the ship Brandaris as the King's free gift, for services in the late expedition at sea.

Nov. 26. 68. Capt. Robt. Clarke to Williamson. Was told at the Prize Noppler. Office that the ship Brandaris was not disposed of, and wished to pitch upon it, but now hears that it is bestowed upon Capt. Langston. Will ask for the King Solomon, another Holland prize come in from Harwich. Begs his influence; Mr. Floyd, who belongs to the Lord Commissioners, best knows what ships are disposed of.

Nov 26. 69. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. The Earl of Annandale sent Westmoreland. out 36 horse in three parties to find the rebels, one of which met with some, who wounded several of them. The general intends to fall on the enemy by way of Glasgow, with three regiments of foot and three troops of horse. The Galloway rebels are 1,200

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chiefly horse ; they declare for liberty of conscience and freedom from taxes, pretences which may work ill in England. The money which the rebels took from Sir Jas. Turner they gave to their troops. The trained bands have been drawn up in Westmoreland and [Cumberland], but are now dismissed, to be ready on summons at an hour's warning. [2 pages.]

Nov. 26.
Carlisle.

70. Sir Edw. Musgrave to Sir Phil. Musgrave, governor of Carlisle, at Westminster. Lord Annandale has not met with the rebels in Galloway ; 200 left them when they heard they declared for the covenant and against bishops. The lords are raising foot for defence of their own counties.

Nov. 26.
Swansea.

71. Jo. Man to Williamson. The ship driven into the road was a Dutch prize, bought by a Plymouth merchant, and come to those parts for coal. The great tree mentioned in the Gazette was taken up by a vessel of Newton ; it is 84 feet long, and is supposed to be blown down, not cut down.

Nov. 26.
Weymouth.

72. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his letter of the 22nd.

Nov. 26.
Bristol.

73. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor, to Williamson. Will commit his packets to the care of sufficient commanders, with the former cautions as to their delivery. Hopes soon to give an account of the departure of the fleet for the Plantations, and sends the receipts of the commanders.

Nov. 26.
Yarmouth.

74. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A ketch laden with alum from Whitby reports the coast clear of capers. Notices of other ships. The Scotland mutineers are reported 7,000 strong. Prays God to give them a sight of their folly.

Nov. 26.
Norwich.

75. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. A decrease in the bill of mortality is hoped for this week.

Nov. 26.
London.

76. James Hickes to [Williamson]. His kindness to Mrs. Andrews gave her great content, and will engage her good services. Promises to obey any commands from him to the uttermost.

Nov. 26.

77. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above and from the following :

Downs, November 25 : Account of ships riding there ; wind west. [1½ pages.]

Nov. 26.
Truro.

78. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A small vessel is lading with tin for London. An Irish man-of-war has put into Helford with two prizes, one French, the other professing to belong to Ostend.

Nov. 26.
Pendennis.

79. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Report of 25 sail seen off Scilly, which had lost some of their company, and were suddenly scattered by the violence of the storm. Notices of other vessels.

Nov. 26.
Pembroke.

80. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The ship wrecked in North Wales was laden with wines and brandy, of which 440 hogsheads

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were saved; she split in two, and not a man was found on board, dead or alive. A Pembroke vessel is said to have been taken on the coast of Ireland.

Nov. 26. 81. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Pembroke. ceding.

[Nov. 26.] 82. Estimate of the sum to be raised by a scale of taxation for
the poll bill of 18 Chas. II., from 50*l.* for a duke to 12*d.* private
persons.

Nov. 26. 83. Petition of Katherine Countess of Chesterfield to the King,
Whitehall. for renewal to herself of the lease granted to her late husband, Dan.
O'Neale, and Sir George Carteret, of the duty of 5*s.* per ton
imposed by Parliament on all French vessels, and now nearly
expired, with consideration for the diminution of income caused by
the present wars, dated Nov. 7. With reference thereon to the Lord
Treasurer, Nov. 26.

[Nov. 26.] 84. Draft of the above petition.

Nov. 26. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 227.*]

Nov. 26. Order to the Commissioners of sick, wounded, and prisoners of
Whitehall. war,—on the petition of Michael Sensier,—to release the master and
company of the ship Godleife, the Spanish ambassador having
declared that they are subjects of His Catholic Majesty. [*Ent.*
Book 18, p. 228.]

Nov. 26. Order on the petition of the King's musicians on the violin for
their arrears of wages, that they be paid in the same proportion as
the rest of the King's servants, out of the money now due to the
Treasury chamber. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 229.*]

Nov. 26. Warrant for an order for sale of the ships the St. Andrew, Bear,
and the Custom House boat, which are unserviceable. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 286.]

[Nov. 26.] 85. Minute of the above.

Nov. 26. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to include John Earl of
Bath, groom of the stole, in a warrant granted during his absence
in the West, for allowance of board wages for the year ending
Michaelmas 1665, to the Lord Chamberlain and other officers. [*Ent.*
Book 23, p. 287.]

Nov. 26. 86. Draft of the above.

Nov. 26. Pass for John Cane into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 287.]

Nov. 27. Dispensation to John Risley, high sheriff for Bucks, to remain
out of his county. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 104.*]

Nov. 27. Warrant for a grant to George Croydon, D.C.L., of a prebend in
Whitehall. Christ Church, Oxford, void by promotion of Dr. John Dolben to
the bishopric of Rochester. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 55.*]

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Nov. 27. 87. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Cannot send labels nor advice without offending Sir Phil. Frowde; he says he will not be anticipated in his business. For the quick transmission of Williamson's letters, he should send a man by nine o'clock to fetch such letters as are already come in, for if a man be sent from the office with them, there is no one to bring the rest. Wishes he would write to Capt. Carr about the scheme of the stages.
- Nov. 27. 88. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Tuesday 300 Dutch prisoners, clad by some employed on purpose, went thence. One of the King's pleasure boats is said to be at anchor in the Rolling Grounds. Lord Brouncker is expected.
Harwich.
- Nov. 27. 89. Petition of the King and Queen's Footmen to the King, for ready money to pay their six quarters' wages; Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, on whom the wages were assigned, cannot pay them for 12 months, and they have neither meat, drink, nor lodging to sustain themselves.
- Nov. 27. 90. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Has no news, but that the Martin galley is still in harbour.
Pembroke.
- Nov. 27. 91. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Used kindly the man who pretended to be Williamson's kinsman; he is gone for Ireland.
Pembroke.
- Nov. 27. 92. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A Barbadoes ship reports that Lord Willoughby embarked thence last July, with 5,000 men and 11 ships, to retake St. Christopher's, but 10 ships were cast away in a violent storm; 400 or 500 men got ashore at Santa Tour, and are detained prisoners by the French. His lordship and all the rest were lost. The Guernsey and Eagle, with only four of the American fleet, are driven back by storm, and have lost their masts; the rest are dispersed, and one bound for Portugal cast away, and all the men lost.
Plymouth.
- Nov. 27. 93. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Arrival of vessels from Portugal and Barbadoes, the former bearing packets for the King and Portuguese ambassador.
Plymouth Fort.
- Nov. 27. 94. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Capt. Gunman with 30 of his fleet sailed for Newcastle. Hopes the stormy weather has blown all the Holland men-of-war from the coast. Capt. Finey and his fleet will sail the first wind, as the merchants now seem willing. Only 10 of the whole garrison have refused the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and most of those are Irish; the rest have taken it, and are to receive the sacrament to-morrow and the next day.
Hull.
- Nov. 27. 95. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A serjeant came on Sunday into the church, to acquaint the mayor of a meeting of Nonconformists half a mile out of town; Alderman Shaftoe, being a justice of peace for Northumberland, surprised them, and the churchwardens and others were sent to apprehend them; they made a little opposition, but at last opened the door; 30 men and 7 women were found, but no considerable person among them; they would not say
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who was the speaker, but it was thought to be one Davies, a preacher in the late troubles. They were bound to answer at the next quarter sessions at Morpeth. Hears from Scotland that the insurrection is not yet appeased. Cols. Stuart and Gray, who both came from Ireland, head them; they are 500 horse beside foot. Major General Deaule [Dalziel?] is now at Glasgow to reduce them.

Nov. 27. 96. John Lorimer, of London, to George Skene, of Edinburgh. Is informed by Skene's nephew that a young Frenchman, one of his master's partners, who usually sits up with him in the night time, has imparted to him the art of making gold, from which, with a little money, he could reap both profit and advantage. Has given the nephew 9*l.* for a trial, strictly charging him not to be cheated nor fooled, and has spent 10*l.* on his behalf. Is also to pay 10*l.* more for clothes and other necessaries for him. [*Extract, 1½ pages.*]

Nov. 27. The King to the Lord Lieutenants of Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Durham, the three ridings of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire. Understands that disaffected persons in those parts heighten themselves with expectations of troubles, something of the kind appearing in the west of Scotland, and that mutinous spirits in Scotland expect to be seconded by disturbances in England. Doubts not but they will be disappointed, by the timely orders given in both kingdoms, yet being anxious to prevent the kingdom from fresh embroilments by mutinous designs, orders them to take into custody all disaffected and dangerous persons within their lieutenancies, and cause others who, though less active, are still suspected, to give sufficient security for their peaceable demeanour; also to keep a vigilant eye on the carriage of all whose actions are doubtful, and give a particular account of whatever may happen. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 135a.*]

Nov. 27. 97. Draft of the above.

Nov. 27. 98. John Clarke to Williamson. The Guernsey and Eagle, which
Plymouth. convoyed the outward bound fleet, have returned; they were all dispersed by the storm; some put into Falmouth, Dartmouth, and Plymouth, but 20 have not been heard of. News has come from Barbadoes of the loss of Lord Willoughby, with 1,000 men; 500 more put ashore on a French plantation were taken prisoners; two English frigates, with several merchant ships, are also lost. A Portuguese vessel reports that they have lost 400 or 500 men in a brush with the Spaniards.

Nov. 27. 99. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Nov. 27. 100. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Eagle and
Plymouth. Guernsey with eight of their convoys have arrived. The rest of the fleet is dispersed in the storm, and some reported to be cast away. A vessel from Lisbon reports many ships staying there for a convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 27. 101. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Sees no hopes of money till
Plymouth. supplied by Parliament; beseeches him as soon as it comes to befriend

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him, as there was much to do to get the Forester fitted, and the Eagle and Guernsey will augment the score. Encloses his account for warehouse room, &c., and desires furtherance, being in as great straits as in the Tangiers' business, and indebted to others, which troubles him most. Particulars of ships. Is informed that a person supplied a ship that went with the Paradox at 3*l.* a man; mentioned it because of the person's "unhandsome carriage," when spoken to of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 27.
Plymouth.

102. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has caused a cable to be laid for the Hulk. Desires a warrant for carrying the Deal ship to Portsmouth. The Paradox and Mermaid are gone to London. The commander of the Golden Sun says the victualler has no order to give him provisions; he is getting his men as fast as he can, and will be ready to sail in a few days. The Eagle and Guernsey have put back again, much shattered with weather. The fleet is all dispersed and driven into several harbours in the west; fears it will need fresh sails. A small ketch from Barbadoes reports that Lord Willoughby, with two men-of-war, Cpts. Reynolds and Hill, and eleven merchant ships, sailed from Barbadoes for St. Christopher's, met with a hurricane, and were forced to anchor at Totos los Sanctos, and here driven ashore, where the soldiers defended themselves for 20 days, and at last yielded upon composition. Fears Lord Willoughby is lost, for some part of his ship is said to be driven on Plymouth island. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Nov. 27.
Plymouth.

103. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Desires advice as to making up his account of casks, so as to be able to observe one common rule with the rest of the surveyors; asks what is the agreement between His Majesty and the victuallers in matter of casks, and wherein abuse may lie. Letters directed on the King's special service should come franked, but his have never done so, for want of Pepys' name. Some report that the Sapphire was foundered at sea by a great leak, others that she pretended one to excuse the letting go of a prize which she had taken, and that the captain, unloading some of her goods into a hoy kept for the purpose, had sent both to Ireland where he lives, but they were met on the way by a Dutchman. Grievous things of like nature are talked of concerning this captain. A ship from Virginia overmastered a French man-of-war in her voyage, but for want of men to man her, let her go again. A fleet ready to come from Barbadoes with the Lord Willoughby was cast away by a hurricane. The Eagle and Guernsey have come in a third time with their Virginia fleet, beaten by contrary winds; some of the fleet have sunk and others lost their masts. There is frequent murmuring at the long stay of ships idle in harbour, but the means to prevent it lies in Sir John Skelton's power, as governor of the fort. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 27.
Edinburgh.

104. Rob. Mein to [Williamson]. Particulars of the rising of the fanatics. They have come to Pentland Hills, within two miles of Edinburgh. General Dalziel, with 3,000 horse and 3,000 foot, has

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been chasing them these eight days; but they never stay long in a place; the country is generally against them. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 27.
Edinburgh.

105. R. M. [Rob. Mein] to Williamson. The fanatic whigs ramble about the country, snapping up all the horses and arms they can. They are within two miles of Edinburgh, at Collington. They always seize the ministers, take them 10 or 12 miles, and then strip them and turn them loose. They are about 2,000, but miserably equipped. They will sleep at Dalkeith and Newbottle. They have led the general a sad march, for they cut down the bridges and burn the boats where they pass; he is now within six miles of them. They never stay two hours in a place. It is thought they are returning homewards. The town has had twice their numbers in arms, for it was thought they would come in and try to relieve their prisoners, though 10 times their number would not do it. They are bold against government. Jos. Learmont, a foolish fellow, not worth 500*l.*, is their major-general. They are at Collington, and the general at Cather, within eight miles.

Nov. 28.
Edinburgh.

106. [Rob. Mein] to Williamson. The country gentlemen of Mid Lothian alarmed the rebels at Collington and took a few prisoners. The general, coming across the Pentland Hills, attacked them; and though first much put to it, at length discomfited them with the loss of 500; he is still in pursuit.

Nov. 28.
Edinburgh.

107. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The rebels, instead of being 4,000, as reported, were never 1,600. They fled before the general, retiring towards Edinburgh; but he, being confident of the activity and loyalty of And. Ramsay, lord provost, cut a nearer way through, and fell in with them out of Edinburgh, for hearing that the citizens were in arms to oppose them, they had turned homewards. They drew up in battle on the side of the Pentland hills, and though the general had to mount a steep hill, he attacked and defeated them, after three onsets, leaving nearly 500 dead on the field; not one of the King's men was killed, and only a few wounded. Some prisoners confess that the oppressions of Sir James Turner, and the influence of some deposed ministers pushed on the attempt. The nobility offered to aid the general, but he did not need them; the people generally are very loyal. The Council sits from 7 a.m. till 10 or 12 p.m. The Lord Provost was going about day and night, and had 2,000 citizens in arms. The Earls of Linlithgow and Argyle were forward in the attack. [*1½ pages.*]

Nov. 28.
The Coronation,
Long Reach.

108. Capt. John Berry to the Navy Comrs. Will be ready to sail the next fair weather. Wants some dry provisions, which are expected daily. Desires an order for the delivery out of store of hammocks and other necessaries for the voyage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 28.
Victualling
Office,
Tower Hill.

109. D. Gauden to Sam. Pepys. As to a complaint from the great ships ready to go of the want of water casks, has shipped on board the Elizabeth ketch 25 tuns, and on the Maybolt galliot 67, consigned to several ships in the enclosed list. If the commanders

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have disposed of them contrary to the bill of lading, cannot help it.
[Adm. Paper.] Encloses,

109 i. *List by D. Gauden of 27 ships to which 101 water casks were sent by the Elizabeth ketch and the Maybolt, 9 Nov. 1666. With note that three ships named had theirs before.*

Nov. 28.
Norwich.

110. [T. Corie] to Williamson. Professions of regard. Muddiman's letters report 40,000 men up in Scotland, declaring for King and Covenant; this has filled some men's minds with strange fancies, and sent the poor countrymen home from market with sacks full of news. The plague decreases.

Nov. 28.
Bridgenorth.

111. Hen. Barnard to James Hickes. Requests him to get a person to watch Smithfield market for recovery of a gelding which he has lost, and also to have it advertized in the Gazette. Thinks the horse may have gone north, as an insurrection in Scotland is talked of, and there are enough of persons who long after new combustions.

Nov. 28.
Southwold.

112. Wm. Waynflet to Williamson. Two vessels of Southwold, laden with cheese, butter, and herrings for London, were taken by a galliot hoy, though a man-of-war convoying the Ostend fleet fired guns to warn them of the hoy. This will encourage the enemy to send to catch those that trade from Yarmouth, Hull, or Lynn. In one of the vessels taken was Lord Rochester's chest, put on board by Serjeant Knight.

Nov. 28.
Boston.

113. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Nov. 28.
Whitehall.

114. Order in Council for the Secretaries of State to cause the suppression of a scandalous pamphlet lately printed, entitled "An Apology of the English Catholics," and to make strict enquiry after the author and printer, that they may be apprehended and brought to condign punishment.

Nov. 28.
Aldborough.

115. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A vessel from London reports that several of the King's ships are ready to sail, but cannot get any aboard. There are many seamen in Aldborough, run away from ships, who lie skulking in the country and are not sent away. Hopes the Gottenburg fleet has arrived; the wind has been S.W. ever since they left Aldborough on Thursday.

Nov. 28.
Norwich.

116. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news in those parts.

Nov. 28.
York.

117. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. The insurrection in Scotland has given such an alarm that the Lord Mayor of York has forbidden the citizens to stir forth of their doors after 10 p.m. Lord Frescheville's troop is preparing to march northwards to-morrow; the Earl of Carlisle has passed by to his command.

Nov. 28.
Beaudesert.

118. Sir B. Broughton to Williamson. His intelligencer is in prison for a petty debt; has not employed him for 12 months, the Lord Lieutenant [of Staffordshire] having stopped his salary of 10*l*.

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paid him 10*l.* to make good his promise, but supposed he was judged useless, as no way for his payment was prescribed. His debt must be paid before he can be employed. Has examined the truth of reported meetings on a heath near Stafford and at Leek ; believes the former, because a gentleman well mounted and armed passed by his stable door every hour for four hours together, probably to see whether he was alarmed.

Nov. 28. 119. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. Is glad of his letter to shame
Lyme. the idle and false stories told. The fleet bound westward and to the plantations is dispersed by contrary winds. There are vessels at Lyme bound for Tangiers.

Nov. 28. 120. John Pocock to James Hicke. Thanks for Williamson's
Weymouth. letter of the 24th.

Nov. 28. 121. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Fifteen sail of light colliers
Lynn. have gone for Tynemouth. Coals are come to 30*s.* a chaldron, the dearest price at which they have been sold since the siege of Newcastle. Those parts are healthful, and the militia well settled.

Nov. 28. 122. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Numerous vessels of the
Falmouth. New England fleet have put into that harbour, being chased off Scilly by four great Dutch ships.

Nov. 28. 123. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. preceding, and his letter of Nov. 25.

Nov. 28. 124. List of 12 ships in Falmouth on that day.
Falmouth.

Nov. 28. 125. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Several of the fleet dispersed
Pendennis. by the storm, have put in thither : 11 sail have arrived from New England, and four from Virginia, two being on merchants' accounts, and five laden with 150 good masts for the King ; they came out 20 sail on Oct. 30th, but nine were separated by storms ; they report all quiet, and in good condition there.

Nov. 28. 126. Certificate by Edm. Ryall that Thos. Cooke brought the
Southwell. annexed warrant to the town, John Turner, constable, copied it, and Mr. Palmer wrote something on the back of the warrant he brought back to Newark. *Annexing,*

126. 1. *Post warrant from Lord Arlington for 12 post horses for the Earl of Rothes, Commissioner in Scotland, returning to Edinburgh, November 25, 1666 ; with note that it was not obeyed by the Southwell constable. Nov. 28, 1666.*

Nov. ? 127. Lady Southampton to Col. Legge. Her late dear lord [Viscount Molineux] having served the King with such courage and usefulness, requests in behalf of an old servant of his, Mr. Smith, the place of Comptroller of Customs at Chester in reversion after Mr. Edwards.

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Nov. 28.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to James Smith of the office of Comptroller of the Customs of the port of Chester, in reversion after Mr. Edwards, an aged person, being near the place where his interest lies. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 206.*]

Nov. 28.

The King to the Mayor, &c., of Devizes. Recommends Thomas Gunter, barrister, nephew to Col. Gunter, for the office of Recorder, void by death of Wm. York, he having ever been loyal, and one of his relations eminently instrumental in His Majesty's escape after the battle of Worcester. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 209.*]

[Nov. 28.]

128. Draft of the above.

Nov. 28.

Order for a warrant to the Duke of Ormond, Lord Steward, or in his absence, to Lord Fitzharding and the Clerks of the Greencloth, to swear in Sir Thomas Clifford as Comptroller of the Household, in the room of Sir H. Pollard. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 288.*]

Nov. 29.

129. Lord Ashley to Wm. Wardour. Requests to know how much has been hitherto paid in for the duty on hearths and stoves, and what proportion thereof is for the duty become due since Lady Day 1665.

Nov. 29.
Swansea.

130. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has no news. The country is healthful and peaceable.

Nov. 29.
Truro.

131. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Arrival of vessels from New England and Barbadoes, laden with indigo, sugar, tobacco, beaver skins, and masts; they have sent to Plymouth for a convoy to put them into the Thames. Account of the loss of Lord Willoughby, when sailing with 1,500 men to reduce St. Christopher's; they were cast away the very night of their arrival.

Nov. 29.
Portsmouth.

132. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Only two persons have died of the plague this 10 days. The Sapphire has come in to be refitted. The Sweepstakes waits the gentlemen bound for Lisbon.

Nov. 29.
Harwich.

133. Silas Taylor to Williamson. It is reported that the Duke of Albemarle and several of the Council are coming to Harwich from Newhall, in Essex, to meet Lord Brouncker and view Landguard Fort and its fortifications.

Nov. 29.
Plymouth.

134. John Clarke to James Hickee. The Forester reports several French men-of-war in the Soundings. There is but one ship with salt arrived from Rochelle.

Nov. 29.
Penrith.

135. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. The Earl of Annandale, on hearing of the insurrection, marched into Dumfries and Galloway with 1,000 horse, to hunt and fight them. They were numerous at first, for the whole country was on their side, and they gave out that the chief places in Scotland were in the hands of their party, and that Annandale was on their side; he was prayed for accordingly by the women, but when they found he was against them, they cursed him as heartily, and many fell off from them. Annandale had a hard march, the men never taking their boots off till the

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general ordered the Earl back to defend his own part of the country ; he returned to Nithsdale, where the Earl of Nithsdale and several other nobles joined him. [2 pages.] *Inserting,*

135. 1. *Earl of Annandale to the Deputy Lieutenants of Westmoreland and [Cumberland]. Copy of No. 60, Nov. 25.*

Nov. 29.
Whitehall.

136. H. M[uddiman] to George Powell of Pembroke. News letter. Particulars given in the letter of November 24. Disputes between France and Spain about the possession of Flanders. The Hamburg fleet left Harwich on the 23rd, and the winds have been favourable. Three Virginia ships, chased by a caper, arrived at Plymouth. Southampton is so free from the sickness that the prize office is to be brought thither from Cowes next week. The Lord Lieutenants are to enquire after and disarm Papists. The House of Commons has ordered an estimate of the value of the Poll Bill. Mr. Roberts's bill was ordered to be engrossed. The Commons adhere to their former word of *nuisance* in the bill concerning Irish cattle, but propose to bring in 20,000 barrelled up for the use of London. The Scotch forces are a rude indigested rabble, now flying towards Ayr; the commissioners have gone post thither. The Earl of Carlisle has power to raise forces; three troops of the Earl of Oxford's regiment are sent to the north, 40 of the King's guard and 60 of those of the Dukes of York and Albemarle. Sir Hugh Pollard, comptroller of the household, died on the 27th, and Sir Thos. Clifford was sworn in that charge. The players, by great proffers of gifts for charitable uses, prevailed to have liberty to act in both houses. The chimney money mutineers are quelled in all places, and will receive suitable punishment. The vice-admiral's ship of Denmark has not been taken in Scotland, as reported, but lies so that she cannot get off. The coasts being pestered with pickeroons, the Ostenders have resolved on a considerable convoy to go once a month with ships bound for London. Sir Peter Wyche is sent from the King, and Mr. Roper from the Queen, to compliment the King of Portugal on his marriage with Mdme. de Nemours. The Bishop of St. Asaph is lately dead. On the 28th, at Westminster Hall, whilst the Court of Common Pleas was sitting, a quarrel happened in which Lord St. John took Sir And. Henley by the nose, and received a blow in return. Sir Andrew is taken, but Lord St. John appears not. A report of the stay of the Gottenburg fleet has arisen from the Swedes complaining that their ships are injured by the Scots; the Scotch mutineers, being betwixt Anabaptists and Presbyterians, are called the waggoners, shift their quarters, as they hear they are pursued, are only 600, and have not ventured to offer any violence to Sir James, though malice would prompt it did their power justify the action. [3 pages.]

Nov. 29.
Victualling
Office.

137. T. Wilson to Sam. Pepys. Account of the victualling of three ships named, bound for the West Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 29.

138. Sir John Hebden to the Navy Comrs. Having been proposed public minister from the King to the Emperor of Russia, was

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commanded by the Lord Chancellor to apply to the Duke of York, through them, so that he might purchase goods for the stores, if necessary. Sends an account of hemp, tar, and timber to be met with there, and the prices. Will freely serve therein, without any particular profit. [*Adm. Paper*, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pages.]

Nov. 29. 139. Edw. Lloyd to Mr. Hayter. Accounts for a mistake of two
The Rainbow. months in Mr. Anderson's victualling tickets. Is debtor to the victualler for those two months' provisions, and discharges Mr. Anderson of them, but not of casks, bags, and iron hoops, which he must be accountable for. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 140. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. John Bundy was
Cockpit. sent away sick from a ship, but coming to the service again, Prince Rupert wishes the commander of the ship to give him his ticket, which is to be paid, unless there be just reason to the contrary. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 141. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Has waited a long
Kinsale. time for consideration of his disbursements last year for sick and wounded seamen. Has also craved their consideration for the sick and wounded and prisoners of war. Those concerned have wearied him out with importunities, but his sense of their honours' troubles in the management of the present war caused his long silence. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 142. Capt. Ch. O'Bryen to Mr. Hayter, clerk to Mr. Pepys.
The Advice. Desires 20 blank tickets for his purser Will. Shears, for the use of his ship. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 143. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Has seen the
Blackmoorpink, Happy Return safe to the buoy at the Nore. Lost a boat in the
The Hope. last storm; begs one from Deptford, having orders to return to the Downs. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 144. George Hillson, gunner of the French Ruby, to Pepys. Is
Gravesend. wronged by being put out of employment through false information. Never intended to deceive His Majesty, but has run through fire and water to serve him and the country, and therein lost the use of an arm. Rather than expose his body to perpetual imprisonment under the warrant out against him, will try his fortune with one arm in remote parts. To serve His Majesty, contracted a debt of 60*l.*; the creditors, hearing of his dismissal and of a warrant out against him, laid wait to take him, so durst not appear at the Board to vindicate his innocence. Was an instrument in preserving Prince Rupert in the June engagement, and suffers much by wounds received. Requests them to cause the warrant to be called in, and to acquaint him whether they will restore him to employment. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 30. 145. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, and Peter Slade, of
The Milkmaid, the Franakin, to the Navy Comrs. They and their convoys have
Tynemouth been in the port eight weeks, through contrary winds, the enemy
Haven. being on the coast. Their six weeks' provisions drawing to an end,

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they desire an order to the victualler's deputy at Newcastle to furnish a supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30.
Plymouth.

146. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Will do his best to dispatch the Forester. The commander of the Eagle has parted with his cable in the Sound; has none to supply him. The Eagle and Guernsey frigates will carry away all the masts sent down for fifth-rates, and no canvas is to be had for any money. Will effect the order about the Golden Sun. Seven ships named have arrived at Falmouth from New England and three from Virginia. The Hulk's cable will be aboard to-morrow; was forced to promise to pay for it before he could have it; can buy nothing, whatever the necessity, without money. Desires, if they cannot supply the whole, that they will order some part to be paid, so that he may be enabled to continue on, as the necessity of the service shall require. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30.

147. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has endeavoured to pacify the person whose money is due. Found the master had put 20 loads of timber into the hoy at Stockwith, but took them off from loading any more, as it is not safe for her to ride there so laden. The master is gone to Hull for a month's provisions for his company. Desires them to order Mr. Corbin to pay him sufficient from the money received from the offal timber made in the wood to enable him to clear the hoy. Had this money been ordered towards transporting the goods, it would have paid a great part of the charge; is greatly troubled, not having money to preserve the King's goods, which lie up and down, in great danger of being lost. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30.
Edinburgh.

148. R. M[ein] to Williamson. The army say they never saw men fight more gallantly than the rebels nor endure more; the general was forced to use stratagem to defeat them. Now not one dares call himself a Whig, nor are two of them together. Twelve of the ringleaders, amongst whom are two ministers, are handed over to justice, and will be hanged. The Earl of Annandale has taken 65; the whole country falls sharply on them. Capt. Bennet, a privateer, has taken two Russia prizes.

Nov. 30.
Yarmouth.

149. [Rich. Bower?] to Williamson. Two Yarmouth vessels, laden with coals from Sunderland, have arrived, after being put into the Humber and kept there two days by a man-of-war. They report that the light colliers with their convoy have gone from the Humber to Newcastle.

Nov. 30.
Barnstaple.

150. Willm. Wakeman to Williamson. Most cruel storms of wind, hail, and rain continue, with some thunder; a man has been blown over the quay and drowned, and some boats sunk, but the men saved.

Nov. 30.
Newcastle.

151. Thos. Swan to Williamson. Has sent the two last labels to Sir Phil. Frowde, and shown him that the mail makes no stay northward, but must have a great stay both at Newcastle and York

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going southward, or there would be no letters. The Scots mail came in yesterday, but cannot go out till to-day 10 a.m., for if it were to go when the other comes in, it would be of no value, and it would be hard to alter an arrangement of so long continuance. Refers to Mr. Pibus, the water bailiff, to testify to his diligence in his office.

Nov. 30.
West Cowes.

152. John Lysle to Williamson. The French Newfoundland fish prize has come in, with one-third of her lading; knows not what has become of the rest. A Swedish ship reports that the Danes have 40 men-of-war riding between Copenhagen and Elsinore, and a squadron is ordered to convoy into Holland the Dutch ships that come from the East country. There is much muttering in Denmark that the King's grand commanders are bribed, and have prevailed upon him to declare for the Dutch against the English; also that the Swedes have 60 sail attending the motions of the Danes. A French prize taken by Capt. Lucy two months ago, laden with pitch, rosin, and turpentine, has come in from Guernsey and has lost her masts, anchors, &c., in the storm. Particulars of other ships. [2 pages.]

Nov. 30.
Plymouth
Fort.

153. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Is glad that the Paradox and her convoy have reached the Downs. Arrival of mast ships, &c., from Virginia and New England.

Nov. 30.
Newcastle.

154. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Norwich has brought in 30 light ships from the Humber. In Scotland, 68 of the Wickhamers have been taken, the general is in pursuit of the rest, and that rebellion will soon be at an end. Lord Carlisle was to return to Naworth Castle last night.

Nov. 30.
Plymouth.

155. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A Portuguese ship reports that the Portuguese fleet have passed up the Channel. Arrival of the New England and Virginia ships at Falmouth. Much mischief is done to the West by capers.

Nov. 30.
Deal.

156. Willm. Genvey to Williamson. Names of four vessels in the Downs. There are great winds, and vessels have been damaged.

Nov. 30.
Plymouth.

157. John Clarke to James Hicke. Arrival of the New England fleet at Falmouth; one ship has been forced into Plymouth. There have been cruel storms, and several wrecks to the westward. The St. Peter of Ostend, laden with wine and brandy, has been driven ashore, and little of her lading saved.

Nov. 30.

158. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Nov. 30.
Dover.

159. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. The cruel times and hazardous weather much discontent the seamen; had nearly lost both men and ketch last voyage; the wear and tear of winter service devours all his profits. The Nieuport mail has been detained by storms, in which one house in Dover has been blown down and several others shattered.

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Nov. 30.
Newcastle.

160. Rich. Forster to Williamson. It is supposed that the two vessels put ashore by the Holland caper are broken; report of other Holland vessels on the coasts. The people are much perplexed that no more care is taken for convoys, when above 200 coal-laden ships are in the harbour.

Nov. 30.
Hull.

161. L. Whittington to Williamson. The London fleet stays for a good wind. Parties of 12 or 16 horse are said to be riding about Beverley in the night, supposed to come from Holderness. Thinks it is only jealousies. By the Lord General's order, 50 foot are marching to Leeds, to meet a troop of horse there to secure those parts.

Nov. 30.
Whitehall.

162. Order by the Commissioners of Prizes to the Commissioners for the port of London, on petition of Rich. Watts, appointed to take care of all prizes brought into the port of Deal or the districts thereof, that the 20s. allowed him hardly covers his ordinary expense,—granting him 20s. for every ship of 80 tons burden or under, and 40s. for every ship above 80 tons, under his care. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 30.

The King to [the Brewers' Company of Exeter]. Recommends Benjamin Resdon of Exeter, a sufferer for loyalty, who by accidents in his private affairs, has been put upon the trade of brewing, to be made free of the company, a thing not unusually granted by them. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 210.*]

[Nov. 30.]

163. Draft of the above.

Nov. 30.

Warrant for a grant to Richard Acton, in reversion after Rob. Gregg, sen., with a second reversion to John Acton, of the office of Examiner in the Court of Exchequer, in the County Palatine of Chester. [*Ent Book 23, p. 289.*]

Nov. 30.

Warrant to the Lord Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the ship Mermaid to James Peirce. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 289.*]

Nov. ?

164. Petition of the Gate Porters to Lord Arlington, to speak to the present comptroller of the household to execute the King's warrant for their payment during the year of suspension, in consideration of their constant waiting and attendance.

Nov. ?

165. Petition of John Horsham, of Plymouth, to the King, for licence to import in a French vessel linen cloth and paper, purchased by him in France, before he knew of the proclamation forbidding their import.

Nov. ?

166. Petition of James Jones of Carmarthenshire, to the King, for discharge from the office of high sheriff, or a supersedeas to protect him in its exercise; is an outlawed person and therefore unfit for it, and is also very infirm, and reduced in estate, not having more than 10*l.* per annum clear.

Nov. ?

167. Petition of George Middleton, of Hampshire, to the King, for permission to remain peaceably in the kingdom, notwithstanding the proclamation, and without prosecution for non-conformity, being 72 years old; found a place of shelter for His Majesty after

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the battle of Worcester, and preserved the Earl of Rochester, at the hazard of his own life, after the miscarriage of the intended business at Salisbury.

Nov. ?

168. Petition of Peter Nowell of the St. Nicholas of Lubec and Hans Bonnit of the Fortune of Stockholm to Lord Arlington, to grant them the same favour as already granted to merchants who have French commodities on board the said ships, to enter and unlade them. *Annexing,*

168. i. *Schedule of the goods for which the above request was made.*

Nov. ?

169. Petition of Michell Sensier, of Bruges, to the King, for licence for his vessel, the Godleife of Bruges, now in the Thames, to go to Newcastle, to fetch coals for London, it being denied passage amongst others at Gravesend. [*See Nov. 26, 1666.*]

Nov.
Whitehall.

170. Pass from Lord Arlington for Peter King, with his wife and three children, to go to France. Noted procured by Mr. Parent. [*Copy.*]

Nov.
Whitehall.

171. Warrant to Lord Chancellor Clarendon to order a commission of Adjutants for appointing Arthur Earl of Anglesey a commissioner of appeals for prizes and prize goods.

Nov.
Whitehall.

172. Blank warrant for a grant of the office of sealing writs in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas for 21 years, in reversion after James Earl of Suffolk, at the same rent as paid by him, 1,653*l.* 14*s.*

Nov.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Note that when a debt is paid by the King, the privy seal should contain a clause cancelling the obligation and releasing the debt.

Note of a release of quitrents in Ireland to Lord Arlington to 40*l.* a year, Sir Rich. Beling's to be the same with the old rents.

Grant to the grooms of the Queen's chamber of 2*s.* a day from the Exchequer, for their entertainment.

Grant to Sir John Reresby and Sir Thos. Strickland of the sole power to make steel in England and Wales for 14 years.

Grant to the Earl of Derby of all the mines royal in the Isle of Man, reserving one 20th to the King.

Grant to Alex. White of the office of plumber and keeper of the conduit at Windsor ; fee 1*s.* a day.

Note that the Queen's pages of honour have out of the Exchequer 100*l.* a year, and 20*l.* a year to buy their horses. [*Domestic Corresp., June 1666, Vol. 160, No. 126*.*]

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Nov. Grant to Dr. George Croyden of the prebend in Christchurch, Oxford, void by promotion of Dr. John Dolben to the bishopric of Rochester. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Thos. Killigrew 1,050*l.* for several plays acted before the Queen Consort, from March 31, 1662, to Nov. 20, 1666. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Rochester to Dr. John Dolben, from the time of the vacancy. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Congé d'élire to the Dean and Chapter of Rochester to elect a Bishop to that see; with a letter recommendatory of Dr. John Dolben, dean of Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Licence to Dr. John Dolben, bishop elect of Rochester, to hold in commendam the deanery of Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Prince Rupert 14,000*l.* as the King's free gift, without account. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Warrant to the Duke of York to order the selling of the St. Andrew and Bear ships, being unserviceable, and also the Custom House boat. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. Warrant to pay, out of the remainder still unpaid of the 2,000*l.* pension of the late Earl of Norwich, 780*l.* to Sir Phil. Warwick, 1,500*l.* to Ferdinando Marsham, 1,000*l.* to Rob. Thompson, 200*l.* to Tobias Rustat, and 1,100*l.* to Eliz. Deane, being sums owing to them by the said Earl. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. ? 173. Thos. Lee to Williamson. The Commissioners [for examining public accounts], Lords Bridgewater, Aylesbury, Lucas, and Crew and others met, but did not sit, because a doubt was started whether, being named as members of Parliament, it was safe for them to act. The Earl of Bridgewater went to Whitehall to consult the judges, and returned with command to read the commission, which he did, and then the objection was withdrawn, and after discourse on their powers, they decided to meet for business to-morrow.

Nov. ? 174. [Pat.] Lyell to [the Navy Comrs]. Was sent to Scotland to buy hemp, &c., which he did to their satisfaction, and received a promise of punctual payment of his bills. Was commanded to confer with Capt. Strachan in further proceedings, and did so; but his open-mouthed declaring of the compact, the return of the bills, some protested against, and the fire of London, made the people draw on the writer's uncle more than he had in hand, whereby his credit was impaired; will lose commissions from four other uncles in Stockholm. The bills being returned, was constrained to relinquish the business to his uncle, which occasioned the slow shipping, caused Capt. Strachan to write to his prejudice, though he never stayed the captains, but agreed that if the bills on Mr. Cutler for 1,500*l.* were answered, the commodities should be for the navy's account. What noise there was made was made by Strachan. Was cited with his uncle before the

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Treasurer's deputy, in whose hands Strachan would have laid a protest, but Strachan being desired to pay their honours' half, and the writer would hazard the rest, he was silenced. [*Adm. Paper*, 2½ pages.]

Nov. ? 175. Capt. Wm. Younger, master of the *Horseman*, to the Navy Comrs. Complains of the boatswain and carpenter's neglect of duty. They have gone to London without leave, and say they will go and come when they please, as he is only a warrant officer like themselves. The carpenter being drunk, forcibly entered the writer's cabin, and when commanded away, replied he had as much right there as he had, and caught such a fast hold on his hair that he pulled it from his head, as may still be seen. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. ? 176. Memorandum of depositions by Ingram and Rob. Stelling, John Noell, and Thos. Hickson, that on Oct. 22, Wm. Hooke, of the Petty Bag, swore that the King and all the Court were cheats and rogues, and got their living by the scum of the earth.

Nov. 177. Memorandum relating to the lading, &c., of a vessel belonging to the Guinea Company.

Nov. ? 178. Reasons offered to Parliament for abatement of the assessment on London; viz., the loss of goods and 13,000 houses, &c., by the fire; 3,000 empty and unbuilt houses, being a sixth of the city's liberties; the great expense in rebuilding; the removal of inhabitants since the fire, and the great disproportion of taxes between London and the out parishes, where there has been a vast increase of families since the last tax. [*Printed*.]

Nov. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's ships and merchants' ships in the Downs during the month, the state of the wind, &c.:—

No.	Date.	King's	Merchants'.	Wind.
179.	Nov. 11	4	2	N.W
180.	12	2	4	S.
181.	13	3	0	S.E.
182.	14	3	0	N.E.
183.	15	3	0	E.N.E.
184.	16	3	0	N.E.
185.	17	3	0	S.E.
186.	18	1	0	S.E.
187.	19	3	3	S.E.
188.	21	5	6	S.W.
189.	22	5	6	W.
190.	24	5	5	S.E.
191.	25	5	5	W.
192.	27	4	7	W.
193.	29	4	7	S.W.

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Dec. 1. 1. Peter Hawkins to Williamson. The laden collier fleet from
Scarborough Newcastle and Tynemouth has sailed by ; no enemy's ships have
Castle. appeared these 10 days.

Dec. 1. 2. John Bower to James Hikes. A fleet of 100 laden colliers
Bridlington. has sailed southward, but seemed without convoy.

Dec. 1. 3. John Pocock to Williamson. Several vessels have been
Weymouth. wrecked on Portland beach, especially the Victory, the Duke of
Richmond's privateer of 10 guns, under Capt. Lucy, who was
drowned with nine of his company. The storm began on Tuesday,
wind S.W., and was very violent ; the persons drowned would have
been saved had they kept to their vessels. A Morlaix vessel lost
had the Duke of York's pass, the goods belonging to merchants of
London and Dorchester, and a Guernsey vessel's goods to merchants
of Lyme ; the goods are all saved. A vessel, supposed to be a Dutch
prize taken by the privateer, has ridden off Portland all the storm.
Great pieces of wreck float about, supposed to belong to some vessel
cast away in Portland Race.

Dec. 1. 4. Silas Taylor to [Williamson]. On Thursday night, from mid-
Harwich. night to 5 a.m., was so violent a storm that it was thought the
houses would have been blown down ; several small boats and
wherries miscarried, but only three considerable ships, and these
not irrecoverably.

Dec. 1. 5. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The William and John has
Bristol. arrived from Virginia, and met no enemy ; also the Hope of Am-
sterdam, a prize taken by the Sapphire, laden with wine, brandy,
and pitch, which will come to a good market. Much damage was
done by last night's storm, some seamen drowned, and the ships in
the Channel driven back with great violence. False reports, com-
monly the prologue to ill designs, are daily spread abroad. There
has been disturbance at Hereford about the collecting of the chim-
ney money, but Lord Herbert of Ragland posted thither, and
will settle that business, with care and exemplary justice upon the
offenders.

Dec. 1. 6. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There have been high S.W.
Aldborough. winds. Ashty, a soldier and exciseman under the usurper, was
clapped up in gaol for saying the King was as much an usurper as
Cromwell ; another of his gang, Ant. Wainfleet, of Walderwick, a
great independent, spoke against the discipline of the Church and
Bishops, and said he would bring four men that should dispute with
all the Bishops in England. Advised the justices to secure these
men, and ask instructions from Lord Arlington, as the disturbances in
Scotland arose on such grounds as these. There are many disaffected
persons and Nonconformists in Aldborough. Several seamen have
come in, running away from their ships ; but nothing is done to
make them return.

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7. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. The Earl [of Carlisle] told Pye, the minister, that there was a friend of Lord Arlington's whom he desired to be burgess of Morpeth. Pye said he had engaged all the town for Lord Morpeth, and they were determined to elect him. The Earl replied that his son was under age, and he intended to send him to travel, and that he wished the person recommended to be chosen instead. Lord Morpeth, neither wishing to resign nor to displease his father, wrote underhand to the steward, the postmaster, and others, that his father was engaged to Lord Arlington for another to serve for Morpeth, but if the town would stand upon themselves, and elect him, he would faithfully serve them. Had the Earl been serious in it, he might have found they were resolved to elect his son. It is known that Williamson did not solicit for it. The postmaster should be remembered; he is a very knave. Has desired the bearer to take the writer's place as coroner; it is troublesome and worth little. [2 pages.]

Dec. 1.
Deal.

8. Wm. Genvey to Williamson. No ships are riding or come in. Sends letters for Rich. Watts of Deal.

Dec. 1.
York.

9. John Mascall to Williamson. Yesterday the part of Lord Frescheville's troop which was in the town marched northwards; his lordship stayed for the other two parts, which were sent to London to guard the King's waggons with money. Sends a copy of a letter from Edinburgh.

Dec. 1.
Newcastle.

10. Thos. Swan [postmaster of Newcastle] to Williamson. The Earl of Rothes broke open the express wherein the Bishop of St. Andrews gives notice that all the rebels in Scotland are quite routed. After his lordship was gone, another letter arrived of all the particulars; enclosed it to Sir Phil. Frowde, who can give an account of the writer's diligence concerning the mails.

Dec. 1.
Lyme.

11. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The weather has been so stormy that vessels cannot come in nor go out. Wreck of the Victory privateer, and two other vessels.

Dec. 1.
Weymouth.

12. Edm. Sawtell to Williamson. Wreck of Capt. Lucy's privateer and two other vessels; only four or five persons were drowned; another vessel was in danger over against Lulworth, but at length made some small sail and went eastward.

Dec. 1.
Ipswich.

13. Andrew Crawley to the Navy Comrs. No ship has been victualled in the port during the week. The Flying Greyhound is not ready to take in provisions, but has had two vessels laden by her side for nine days, one of which sprung a leak and damaged part of the provisions. They continue killing oxen and hogs, and baking biscuits. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1.
Plymouth Fort.

14. Sir John Skelton to Sam. Pepys. Thanks him for recommending the young man he wrote of as purser. The merchant who is to furnish the seamen with clothes has agreed to do so upon their tickets, the same as the slopsellers, but expects the Duke of York's order for it. Hopes he will dispatch the order, the seamen being in great necessity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 1.
Dover.

15. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of the victualling of ships, and the conduct of Mr. Wivell and Wm. Clarke, master of a victualling ship. With explanatory notes in the margin by T. L. [Thos. Lewis.] [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1.
The Mary
Pleasure,
Dublin.

16. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Comrs. Has had two cables made at Liverpool, and one from the Harp by order of the Duke of Ormond, which has been returned. Requests an order for another cable. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

16. i. *Order by the Duke of Ormond for re-delivery of the cable to the Harp frigate. [Copy.]*

Dec. 1.
The Paradox,
Gravesend.

17. Capt. Leo. Guy to Sir W. Coventry. Has convoyed the Prince of Denmark as far as the Blockhouse, Gravesend. Waits orders. His victualling is expended; has a leak in the bows of the ship, and the water has damnified the powder. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1.
Chatham.

18. Lord Brouncker to Sam. Pepys. Is very much troubled to turn over men without tickets or money, but is constrained to do it to the Lion and Ann's men, the pursers not being aboard; only those for 11 ships named have made their appearance aboard since he came down. Requests 1,000 more blank tickets. Has made use of his clerk's hand to save them the trouble of reading his own. The purser of the Lion has just come aboard. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

18. i. *Demand by Phin. Pett, and N. Holt, of masts wanted to fit out six ships named, and a supply of boom spars, masts, and bowsprits for the stores.*

Chatham Dock, Nov. 20, 1666.

Dec. 2.
Plymouth.

19. Sir Thos. Waltham to Sam. Pepys. Eleven sail have arrived from New England and New York, mostly laden with masts for the service. Mr. Bendal's from New York, laden with sugars, tobaccos, and furs, was cast away on St. Francis's Island,—the men saved, but the ship and goods lost. Several ships in the Sound ride very dangerously, the storm being great, and the wind at south-west; the Eagle and Guernsey are in the Sound, waiting to convoy them to Spithead, and the Forester in Catwater. The victualler refuses petty warrants without Mr. Gauden's order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 2.
Plymouth Fort.

20. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The violent storm has cast away on the rocks near St. Nicholas Island a merchantman from Boston, New England, laden with tobacco, sugar, and beaver. The men and some of the goods are saved. Fears for two of the mast ships which are driven near the same place, unless their cables and anchors hold, or the storm cease. It was their own folly, they might have been safe in Hamouse, but were in hopes to be gone to-day. Hopes Mynheer Kievitt's ship, which was in the Downs, has arrived safely. Hears that some have warrants on the Plymouth prize office. Mr. Powell has one for 140*l.*; he must have good friends; believes the King owes him nothing.

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Dec. 2. Plymouth. 21. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The 11 New England and Virginia ships have arrived, but one has been cast away on the island; the Eagle is ordered to convoy the rest for London. The Adventure and Victory have brought in several merchant ships from the east.
- Dec. 2. Pembroke. 22. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. A ship laden with beaver skins and furs is reported to be cast away at Tenby, and another of 400 tons; two Tenby boats went to help her, but nothing is heard of men or ship. Capt. Walter Lloyd is in town.
- Dec. 2. 23. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Dec. 2. Pembroke. 24. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Duke of Ormond's third son, Lord John [Butler] has just arrived from Ireland in the Dartmouth, with several other gentlemen.
- Dec. 2. Falmouth. 25. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The soldiers of Pendennis Castle have, with one consent, taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and received the sacrament. The New England mast ship and four Virginia-men sailed yesterday for Plymouth and London.
- Dec. 2. London. 26. "Sermon preached before the King the first Sunday in Advent by Henry Killigrew, D.D., Master of the Savoy, and almoner to his Royal Highness." [34 pages 4to, printed.]
- Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 27. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Bishop Russell, with the two envoys for Portugal, is ready to sail in the Sweepstakes the first fair wind. No one has died of plague these 10 days.
- Dec. 3. Deal. 28. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Will answer his favours by double diligence. In the Downs are 5 King's ships, and 20 merchant ships of England and Flanders, outward bound.
- Dec. 3. Yarmouth. 29. Rich. Bower to Williamson. An Ostender, driven back by contrary winds, was forced on to Yarmouth pier and lost, but her men and lading of red herrings saved. The Richmond and the Yarmouth vessels bound for Ostend have returned; 100 laden colliers have come from the North, without frigate or man-of-war. Sir Fras. Compton's troop, which quartered in Yarmouth, is setting out for York.
- Dec. 3. Weymouth. 30. John Pocock to James Hickes. The vessel that rode out the storm off Portland has since gone eastward, so it is not known what she was. The Morlaix bark forced on Portland beach is likely to be got off again.
- Dec. 3. Weymouth. 31. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell, Post Office, London. Instead of four or five drowned from the wrecked vessels, it seems only four or five are saved; there were many passengers from Jersey and Guernsey; 24 or 25 are reckoned up as drowned; there is some hope of

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saving the hulls. The Malaga and Barbadoes ships have stopped landing their goods, and now resolve to continue their voyage. The soldiers have received the sacrament, none refusing.

Dec. 3. 32. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There is a general gaping of Aldborough. the Nonconformists, as to the issue of the disturbance in Scotland. The account named in his last of the two notorious fellows apprehended was sent to Mr. Cook, Sir Wm. Morice's secretary, but too favourably for them, and would not have been sent at all, but that it was known that the writer would send it. A dozen light Ostenders have sailed to Yarmouth to load sprats. If the north-east wind continue, hopes soon to give a good account of the Gottenburg fleet. When the Earl of Cleveland's troops were disbanded 10 weeks since, had the back, breast, and head pieces left with him to wait orders from the Duke of Albemarle, which have not come. The country people speak of armed troopers riding in the night.

Dec. 3. 33. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The New England and Virginia Pendennis. ships, with those outward bound, sailed for Plymouth for convoys; in the cruel storm one was driven to sea, her master being on shore to buy provisions, but the ship came safe to Plymouth. The Madeira ship waits a wind for Bristol.

Dec. 3. 34. Jo. Man to Williamson. The violent storm last week drove a Swansea. a Phyal vessel laden with wine, sugar, and Brazil wood, on a sand bank 10 miles off; the men, all Portuguese, and unable to speak English, hoped to save the vessel, and so refused help in saving the goods, most of which are lost. The Exchange from Boston in New England has been driven in, and was in great danger till she got from the bar into the harbour. She sailed with 20 others, but they were separated in a storm. Their Admiral was the Exchange of London, laden with masts for the King, four more with masts, the rest with merchants' goods. The master reports the loss in a hurricane of Lord Willoughby, with two frigates and nine other ships, pressed for the retaking of St. Christopher's. When the new reached Barbadoes, an embargo was laid on all vessels, and such as were fit were pressed to pursue the same design.

Dec. 3. 35. Sir Willm. Throckmorton, knight marshal, to Williamson Requests for Sir Gelyn Quirinse, Bart., who has married the writer's niece, a sister of Lady Wentworth, and is well known to the King, a free pass for a ship of his to trade between London and Middleburg, the place of his abode, the same having been lately granted to private persons in Holland and Zealand. Knows the King has a kindness for him and his lady, "having lodged divers weeks incognito in their house in the time of his exile." If this cannot be granted, he wants a pass for himself and two or three servants to come over and see his wife's relations and return. Thinks some information might be drawn from him how affairs go

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in those parts, as he has good interest there. Begs Lord Arlington's influence and a speedy reply. *Encloses,*

35. I. *Sir Gelyn and Aletta Quirinse to their uncle Throckmorton, Knight-marshal of England. Thanks for past favours and friendship. Hear that the King gives permits to Netherland ships to go with merchandize from Amsterdam and Middleburg to London, and trade without molestation. Beg such a pass, if possible, and also a pass for Sir Gelyn to come to England and return. [Dutch, 2 pages.] Middleburg, ^{23 Nov.}_{3 Dec.} 1666.*

[Dec. 3.] 36. Note that Sir Wm. Quirinse requests a pass for a ship to trade between London and Middleburg, or one for himself to come over to England, on his domestic affairs.

Dec. 3. 37. Willm. Symons to Edm. Sawtell. The water rose so high
Bridgewater. that there was no post on Saturday. In the great storm on Thursday, three vessels were driven up the river and ashore.

Dec. 3. 38. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. The violent rain in those
Bridgewater. parts prevented the post coming in, by the rising of the waters. In the storm three vessels were stranded, trees blown down, houses uncovered, and several people riding home from market were unhorsed.

Dec. 3. 39. Joh. Smith to Williamson. There is a rumour that many
Margate. English seamen go over with the Ostenders, to serve them. Sends him some country ale, good to drink this cold weather, which if bottled, will be the better the longer it is kept.

Dec. 3. 40. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. The stormy
Bristol. wind has damaged some ships in King Road, but they will soon be fitted to sail. As there was no ship bound directly for New England, was obliged to send that packet by way of Virginia, whence it can be sent in 10 days. Offers services. *Encloses,*

40. I. *Receipt by Walter Morgan, commander of the Pearl, 25 Nov. 1666, from Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, of packets and letters for Francis Lord Willoughby, governor, Edw. Bowden, his deputy secretary, Jas. Wallwin, merchant, and John Wadloe, all of Barbadoes; also for Sir Thos. Modyford, Bart., governor of Jamaica, all which he promises on arrival to deliver to Lord Willoughby, or in case of danger from an enemy, to throw them overboard. With like receipt Dec. 1, 1666, by Thos. Butler, commander of the Diligence, of packets to Lord Willoughby and Sir Thos. Modyford, and by Nich. Sorey, of the Golden Hand, of packets for Sir Wm. Berkeley, governor of Virginia, and Col. Rich. Nicholls, commissioner for visiting the New England colonies. [1½ pages.]*

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41. John Allen to Williamson. Is sorry his letters sent to Sir J. B[ennet?] have missed; reported therein about the late fire; some talked of rising, others were afraid to go to bed, and a letter of consequence was intercepted. Now there are reports of a stir in Hereford about hearth money, and an eminent presbyterian writes word that thousands of Scots are up and declare for King and covenant, having Col. Carr, an old kirk man, amongst them, others not wishing the Scots for guides, report high differences among great persons, murmuring and fears of the oath. Will write more particularly on receipt of a cypher. J. C——, a quaker, writes, that being near Windsor, considering the sad condition of London, and praying for those that were left, a bright cloud came about him, and a shrill child's voice said "They have had the pestilence and fire, and other calamities, and yet are not amended, but a worse plague has yet to come on them and the nation." Thinks the way of conveyance by Dr. B[arlow] may serve. There are many strange and improbable reports; will give particulars if desired. [1½ pages.]

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Chester Castle.

42. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Sends a copy of a letter delivered to the mayor by a quaker; she is imprisoned till further orders, but nothing can be got from her. Has examined several about a report of a party of horse being seen, but thinks it blown about by fanatic spirits, of which those parts are very full, to amuse the people. Sir Nich. Armorer has arrived from Ireland, and gone to London; he reports all quiet there. Asks if there be any truth in the report that the writer is to be removed from his place, by Lord Derby's means.

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43. Petition of Anne, widow of Edmund Lawrence, late minister of Sheepshead, Leicestershire, to Sir Philip Warwick, for admission among the poor women who are to have the benevolence left to poor ministers' widows, by the late Bishop of Rochester, to whom his honour is executor; her husband was despoiled of all he had for his loyalty. *Annexing,*

43. I. *Certificate by Rich. Bishop, Rich. Bagnall, and Thos. Hull, that Edw. Lawrence, late vicar of Sheepshead, co. Leicester, served the late King, as chaplain to Col. Butler's regiment of horse, was often plundered, and ejected for fidelity to the King and Church of England, and has left his widow, Anne Lawrence, with six children, and without habitation or subsistence. [Copy.] Dec. 3, 1666.*

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West Cowes.

44. John Lysle to Williamson. The Resolution, a Virginia ship of 200 tons, has arrived, and reports all well there, and several ships coming home. The Trial from Barbadoes has left with the Governor of the Isle of Wight packets for the King and Royal Company, to be forwarded; they will give tidings of the loss in attacking St. Christopher's and the destruction of ships by a hurricane. Lord Wilmoughby and Capt. Reynolds have not been heard of since. The Little Victory has sailed for Plymouth, with two Straits vessels. [1½ pages.]

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Dec. 3. 45. Certificate by Walter Braems and J. Cole, customs' officers, Custom House, Dover, that David Nepven, merchant of Dover, has deposed that the St. Peter of Tuninghen, which has arrived from Rouen with kid-skins and teazles, is bound for London, and would have arrived before the proclamation against import of French goods took place, but for contrary winds.

Dec. 3. 46. W. Bayly to Williamson. Sends letters from the Ordnance Tower. Comrs. for warrants, by his clerk who will wait for their dispatch. Encloses,

46. I. *Sir John Duncombe and Thos. Chicheley, ordnance comrs., to Lord Arlington. Request a warrant for a patent under the great seal, to Thos. Cass, of the office of master carpenter in the ordnance, fee 8d. a day, during pleasure. Have employed him for a year since the death of John Scott, and find him an able man.*

Tower, Dec. 1, 1666.

46. II. *Sir Jo. Berkeley, Sir John Duncombe, and Thos. Chicheley, ordnance comrs., to Lord Arlington. Request a similar patent for Jonadab Holloway, to succeed George Fisher, late hand-gun maker in the ordnance office, fee 16d. a day.*

Tower, Dec. 1, 1666.

Dec. 3. 47. Fras. Smyth to [Fras. Malory]. On Nov. 29, a ship came in, Tenby. and the weather being violent, 22 seamen went out in boats to help, but she was driven from anchor, and it is not known what is become of ship or boats. A New England vessel also drove against the rocks off Caldie Island, and only the men were saved. Two vessels have come from Ireland with wool and tallow; one has 10 horses on board, which they pretend not to unload. A small ship from Boston, New England, has come in laden with fish, sugar, tobacco, &c. With note from Malory to Williamson, December 7, that as the post is just going, he sends this letter.

Dec. 3. Warrant for Ralph Errington to go to Holyhead or Chester, to observe all persons who pass to or from Ireland. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 290.*]

Dec. 3. 48. Petition of Capt. Thomas Elliott, commander of the ship Revenge, to the King, for the gift of a small dogger boat which he brought into Chatham, in recompense for delivering into the stores there all the naval commodities taken by him on the Peacock fly-boat, although those between decks properly belonged to himself and the ship's company.

[Dec. 3.] 49. Speech of Sir Hen. De Vic, on the election of the young Duke of Cambridge [as Knight of the Garter], lauding the antiquity and excellency of the order; though the age of the Duke is tender, yet,

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as Kings of England never die, so those of royal blood are never young, but born into the world like our first parents, in a state of perfection. He trusts that as heroic virtues descend in great families by entail, the celestial fire in the young Duke may break forth from the clouds of his childhood, and he may prove the wonder of his age. [2 pages, copy.]

Dec. 3. 50. Note by M. De la Fabvollière of his receipts on account; total, 210*l.*, leaving a balance of 150*l.* due to him in September last.

Dec. 3. 51. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Hopes some effectual course will be taken to redress things which impede the service and create a great charge for demurrage. The water casks, sent down and consigned to each ship, have been disposed of by some of the commanders, and no account given of the distribution. Prays care for preventing of disorders, which are of no small inconvenience. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

51. I. *Fras. Goodwin to Denis Gauden. The Rear-Admiral of the White has pressed the cooper from the Rupert, taken him to the Nore, and will keep him till he has another. A cooper is much wanted, as there is a great want of water cask.* *Sheerness, Nov. 30, 1666.*

51. II. *Fras. Goodwin to Denis Gauden. The masters of 13 victualling ships named complain that the Rear-Admiral of the White has pressed several men out of every ship, and most of those that were left have gone ashore; four ships named have arrived in the Swale, and three others are ready to come; no victualler is able to lay a ship on for want of men. [With the signatures of the 13 masters.]* *Swale, Dec. 2, 1666.*

Dec. 3. 52. Certificate by Capt. Thos. Trafford that John Pearce, master of the *Unity*, is an able, careful man, and fit to be employed in the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 3. 53. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Asks that a bill of Yarmouth. imprest for 500*l.* for pitch, tar, and cordage delivered into store at Harwich, may be left with Alderman Backwell, as the proprietors well understand how their payment is to be made. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. 54. Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. After long expecting the Deptford. 3,000*l.* promised to pay off the *Sovereign*, 1,500*l.* is received and all consumed, and the work not done with that ship. The *India* merchant is next to be paid; she has gone to take in her stores and guns. The complaints of the discharged men of the merchant ships and ketches are very troublesome; hopes money will be found to pay them. The *Ruby* is launched and the *Dover* brought in. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

54. I. *Sir Wm. Warren to Mr. Harper and Mr. Cowley. There*

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is timber at Guildford to build the King's pleasure boat, which he wants doing in all haste, but it cannot be brought down because the waters are high. Requests them to spare 8 or 10 loads from Deptford yard, which shall be delivered again. Wapping, Dec. 3, 1666.

Dec. 4. 55. Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Navy Comrs. Would have attended
The Elizabeth, them, but is endeavouring to keep the men on board, to set the
Woolwich. mainmast and launch the frigate. Desires that he may enter men, and that the provisions be sent down; will get in the ballast and guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. 56. Certificate by Jno. Fenn, that no bill for 40*l.* 5*s.* due to Capt. Elliott has been paid into the treasurer's office since June last, and that care shall be taken that it is not paid. With note by Will. Jenifer that the 40*l.* 5*s.* was disbursed by Capt. Thos. Elliott, late commander of the Sapphire, for provisions, &c., and that the writer stands indebted to him for the same. December 6, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

56. I. *Order from Matt. Dodsley to Thos. Hayter to pay the contents of the bill left with him to John Henderson.*

Dec. 4. 57. John Tooker to [the Navy Comrs.] Was desired to see the cooper's stores for several ships named put up and delivered. Account of a misunderstanding with Mr. Hancock, who refused taking two small firkins and 300 iron hoops to the Coronation and Castle at Long Reach, in spite of a peremptory order from Sir W. Batten and Sir W. Penn. Mr. Gauden's man Whisler also accused the writer of being a rogue, and of abusing their office, and threatened to baste him. [*3 pages.*]

Dec. 4. 58. Wm. Clements to the Navy Comrs. Is frustrated in setting
Harwich. up the clock by a letter from Squire Pepys concerning a dial board. Did not contract nor agree for any dial, but if they will send one down at their own expense, will put it up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. 59. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been vic-
Ipswich. tualled since his last. The Wild Boar fire-ship of 30 men is still in harbour victualling, the commander not coming to make up his account. The Flying Greyhound's provisions are gone to complete what was damaged. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

59. I. *Schedule by Andrew Crawley of letters of credit for victuals granted to nine ships named, in the port of Ipswich, during the month.* Ipswich, Nov. 1666.

59. II. *Account by Richard Wight and Andrew Crawley, of casks, staves, iron hoops, and bags received from 17 ships at Ipswich and Harwich, during the month.* Ipswich, Nov. 1666.

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Dec. 4. Papers relating to the Two Sisters ketch; [*Adm. Papers*] as follow :—

60. Capt. John Fortescue to the Navy Comrs. The ketch called the Two Sisters of Deal is ready for service, and the master attends their pleasure and appointment.

March 3, 1665.

61. Certificate by Jonas Shish of the dimensions &c., of the Two Sisters, a ketch of Deal, of 61½ tons. Feb. 21, 1666.

62. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that John Ketcherell, master of the Two Sisters ketch, is a debtor upon both his victualling accounts. Victualling Office, March 22, 1666.

63. Certificate by Sir W. Penn that the ketch called the Two Sisters, John Ketcherell master, is discharged from service this day. Noted, "1 Bill past to 15 Aug. '65, another from 4 Nov. '65 to 27 Oct. '66. Taken by the Dutch 15 Aug. '65; retaken the latter end of October '65, and delivered up to her owners by the Earl of Sandwich's order, dated 4 Nov. '65, to serve His Majesty at the same rate as before she was taken by the Dutch." Oct. 27, 1666.

64. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that he has seen a paper under the hand of Matthew Wood, steward of the Royal Charles, certifying that John Ketcherell had cleared his account with him. Dec. 4, 1666.

65. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that John Ketcherell has cleared his account for victualling the Two Sisters ketch, from the time she was retaken from the enemy to 13th April last. Victualling Office, 4 Dec. 1666.

Dec. 4. 66. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. On Nov. 23, con-
The Warspite, voyed the Hamburg fleet past the Texel, and then steered for the
Gottenburg. Scaw. On the 24th, off Horne reef, sunk a Holland vessel from Dun-
kirk, laden with corn and linen, because he could not send aboard to
secure her; the men were all saved by the Jersey boarding her. Next
day made the Holmes, where the Dragon and Constant Warwick
chased ashore a Hollander of 300 tons, with masts, pitch, &c., and
burnt her. Met with several Swedes and Lubeckers, and cleared
them. The Malaga Merchant fire-ship took a Dane going to the
admiral with provisions, &c., and took her guns out, she being on a
rock near the Naes, and not expected to come off, as were also
two others. The squadron looking out for them [the Gottenburg
fleet] is not heard of. Is troubled about sparing men for the frigates
and merchantmen, but is getting ready to sail with the first wind,
and hopes to convoy the ships safe to England. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. 67. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Williamson. To the same effect as
The Warspite. the preceding.

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Durham.

68. Isaac Basire, prebendary of Durham, to Williamson. John Joplin, once gaoler of Durham under the usurpers, was tried for high treason in 1664, and though acquitted, thought so dangerous, that the King commanded his imprisonment during pleasure, and had him removed from Durham, where his crew had too free and frequent resort to him, to Scarborough Castle. On Sunday last, this Joplin was sent for by the Bishop, who did not know why he was at liberty; he was very peremptory, and being threatened with gaol, produced Lord Arlington's warrant, dated 12 Nov., for his liberty during six months. The Bishop, being ordered by a late letter of the King to secure all dangerous persons, would have secured him till His Majesty's pleasure was known, but a lawyer told him that Joplin's bond in 500*l.* to return to Scarborough after his six months' would be discharged by a new imprisonment. He is a furious Fifth-monarchy fanatic, and wrote on the gaol walls that he would be for King Jesus. The loyal party fear he may do much mischief during his liberty. The conjuncture of procuring this warrant is that of the time of the rebellion in Scotland, begun Nov. 15. Has had a letter from Wm. Prynne, a stranger to him, speaking of fears and jealousies, of plots and designs of Jesuits and Romanists against the Church and religion, and asking how the English Jesuits at Rome conducted themselves at the time of the late King's murder. Fears this matter, under pretence of indiscreet zeal, will stir up hornets at the present conjuncture, witness Scotland. Asks advice; thinks of giving Prynne an answer that shall signify little. [3 pages.]

Dec. 4.
Portsmouth.

69. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Bishop Russel, Sir Rob. Wyche, and Mr. Roper propose to embark to-day for Lisbon. None in the town have died of the plague for a long time.

Dec. 4.
Harwich.

70. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has nothing to tell of except his health, but writes to show obedience to commands.

Dec. 4.
Plymouth.

71. John Clarke to James Hickes. A New England vessel of 120 tons, laden with sugar, tobacco, indigo, and beaver, has been driven ashore, and little of her lading saved. The rest of the New England and Virginia fleets, with some other ships, have sailed for London, under convoy of the Guernsey and Eagle.

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72. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Dover.

73. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. In the last Flanders packet came over Capt. Pearce, of the Little Mary, who has broken prison in Holland. The sickness is almost gone. Will give intelligence, and stir up the other coast correspondents to do the same.

Dec. 4.
Minehead.

74. John Maurice to Williamson. The Lion of Youghall has brought in several vessels from Ireland, laden with wool, tallow, linen, and Irish cloth, &c.; they were not damaged by Friday's storm; has not heard of any damage. There has been much thunder and lightning the last two days. Is glad of the arrival of the Gottenburg fleet.

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Dec. 4.
Whitehall.

75. Licence to Sir John Huxley, sheriff of Bedfordshire, to reside out of the county during his shreivalty, the time of the assizes excepted, he having before removed his family the better to prosecute suits much concerning himself and many orphans to whom he is chosen guardian. Endorsed "Mr. Trussel's request concerning Sir John Huxley." [*Copy.*]

Dec. 4.
Edinburgh.

76. R. M[ein] to Williamson. Viscount Kenmure, on hearing of the insurrection, had gathered 200 horse of his friends, and joined the Earl of Annandale and Lord Drumlanrig, who guided them to the 'rebel's country, till they met the general's orders to return to their own country and hinder others joining the rebels. After the defeat, the rebels gave out that they had gained the victory, on which some gentlemen of Ayr raised 80 horse to join them; finding themselves deceived, they tried to slink away, but they are likely to suffer the same as the rest, a herald being ordered to charge them, on pain of treason, to appear before council. The Lord Commissioner has arrived, but was delayed three days on the road by a fall. Capt. Neilson, laird of Corsack, and Hugh Mackell were brought before council, where were the hangman and a pair of timber boots to drive their legs into, to extort confession. They were questioned as to who were their leaders and supporters, correspondents in Edinburgh, and how they got arms and ammunition; whether they had any foreign correspondents, &c. Being in torment before council, they ingenuously confessed to all points, and named Wallace and Learmont as their leaders. The horse are marching west to secure the Laird of Carwells, Carr of Carsland, and others who intended insurrection. The Lord Commissioner and general are going to Glasgow. More prisoners are being taken; 21 have just come up, amongst whom is Alex. Robertson, a master and prime mover: he persuaded the country to rise, by saying that Dalziel was coming to hang every man at his own door who would not conform, or had been absent from church for a year past; that he had hanged 100 at Glasgow, and that he would leave nothing in his march that he could lay hands on, whereas he had not really taken a hen or chicken unpaid for. They persuaded the commonalty that Edinburgh was for them, the town and castle secured, and the provost their friend, although no man could be more vigilant against them. He was never in bed for four days and nights, but constantly in the council, or sending out scouts for intelligence. The officers say the rebels endured three charges most courageously. Requests that such of this news as is put in the Gazette, may be given as though sent from Berwick. [*2 pages.*]

Dec. 4.
Edinburgh.

77. Proclamation forbidding any to harbour Col. Jas. Wallace, Major Learmont, 53 others named, and any besides concerned in the late rebellion, but rather to pursue them as traitors, and deliver them up to the nearest magistrates. [*Printed.*]

Dec. 4.

78. Resolution of the House of Commons that Lord St. John may bring his petition into the House of Commons for pardon under the

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Great Seal, Dec. 3 ; statement that it was so brought in, Dec. 4, and read and approved by the House, and order thereon that such members as are of the Privy Council attend His Majesty, to know when the House shall wait upon him with the said petition.

Dec. 4. 79. Estimate by the Navy Comrs. of the charge of providing sea victuals for 35,000 men for one year ; total, 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Dec. 4.] 80. Petition of Francis Kelly to the King, for payment out of the two last subsidies of 264*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, due to him for service in Scotland as captain-lieutenant of Sir Thos. Morgan's troop of horse, which at His Majesty's command, he transported at great expense to Portugal.

Dec. 4. Order granting the above petition. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 230.]

Dec. 4. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of Lord Townshend for reduction to the old rent of the rent of 2,000*l.* a year reserved on his grant for 21 years of the duties on export of coal, as the whole profits of the farm will not pay this rent. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 230.]

Dec. 4. Lord Arlington to the Bishop of Durham. The King, having
Whitehall. received the happy news of the dissipating and beating of the rebels in Scotland, wishes him to forbear execution of his command of Nov. 27, to take into custody all disaffected persons in his lieutenancy it is only to be those who, on strong presumptions, are concluded to have been in confederacy with the late rebels. With note that this letter was sent to Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Durham, the three Ridings [of Yorkshire], Derbyshire, and Cheshire [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 136*a.*]

Dec. 5. The King to [Robert] Earl of Lindsey, Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. The condition of affairs rendering an increase of strength necessary, raised three regiments of 500 horse each, to be disbanded towards winter, and paid out of the militia tax. Wrote July 2 last to the late Earl of Lindsey, lord lieutenant of that county, to certify what militia money remained there, and to order its payment to Sir Stephen Fox, but this not being as yet done, orders it to be attended to immediately. [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 136*a.*, 137*a.*]

Dec. 5. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver a flyboat taken by the *Revenge*, and forsaken by her men, to Henry Saville, groom of the bedchamber to the Duke of York, provided she be condemned as a derelict. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 251.]

Dec. 5. Warrant for the delivery of 30 tuns of French and Spanish wine, custom free, to Sieur Jean Lyonberg, for the family of the King of Sweden's ambassador. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 5. Warrant to Charles Conquest to go to Barnet or St. Alban's, or other post stage, to watch the passage of a disaffected person, and to take him, with all other such, into custody. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 290.]

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Falmouth.

81. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. A French vessel laden with arms and ammunition, and said to be bound for London, put into Scilly in a storm. An embargo is laid on all ships, unless they have the Duke of York's pass, and give bond to return with their men, against April next. Hears that there are some Popish pamphlets in the country much applauded; wants one sending.

Dec. 5.
Falmouth.

82. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter of December 2.

Dec. 5.
Weymouth.

83. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has nothing in return for Williamson's letter of the 1st.

Dec. 5.
Yarmouth.

84. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The troop set forward for York; their arms were sent by a Pomfret carrier, but he was stopped on suspicion by the justices between Bungay and Harlstone, having no certificate except from officers of the troop unknown to them. When the wind rose, the collier fleet anchored about Lowestoft, but a storm coming, they were forced into Yarmouth Roads, and several venturing into the haven were much damaged; four sunk within the piers. An Irish collier of 200 tons was lost on the sands, in turning from Winterton to Caistor, through the Narrows.

Dec. 5.
Lynn.

85. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Thirty laden colliers who came from Tynemouth without convoy say the coast is clear from pickeroons. It is reported at Newcastle that the Scots, 6,000, 8,000, or 12,000 strong, have declared for King and Covenant. Those parts are quiet, only the common people clamour against the hearth-money collectors, and there would have been a riot but for the vigilance of the mayor and justices, in sending some of the ringleaders to prison.

Dec. 5.
Norwich.

86. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news this week.

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Boston.

87. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Dec. 5.
Bristol.

88. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. Lord Herbert of Ragland was sent post by the King and Lord General to appease a tumult at Hereford, between the townsmen and collectors of hearth-money. The collectors distrained some persons who resisted; they defended their houses. When Lord Herbert arrived, the town company, under Major Cornwall, attended in arms to receive their lord lieutenant, and among them those who had caused the disturbance. The officer had nearly increased the disorder by trying to disarm those, at which one and all cried out. The next day his lordship gave a full hearing to all parties, and finding that there was no further design in this disorder, the persons being formerly loyal, had the company in which those persons were drawn up in the market place, cashiered it, and disarmed them, committing them to prison, to be prosecuted for breach of the laws. They submitted without the least disturbance, and all is well settled.

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Bristol.

89. Ri. Dutton to Andrew Newport, M.P. Thought the stories of parties of horse seen in the night the mere phantasms of melancholy persons, till the mayor showed him a letter from Col. Pigott, reporting that yesterday a party of horse marched towards Bristol, through the town where he lives, two miles from Bristol, and his son met four well-armed horsemen in chase of them. On this the mayor and two deputy lieutenants resolved to search all inns and suspicious strangers lodging there. Fears the labour will be ineffectual; the place is so disaffected that there are not active honest persons enough to make such a general search as would be required. Only knows of himself and three other gentlemen, out of the 20,000 in the city, who ever served the late King as a field officer. If the King were rightly informed of the state of so considerable a place, they would not be left to do as they please without a good guard of soldiers. Hopes the northern rebellion may have no influence westward. Hopes Col. Pigott will have given due information.

Dec. 5.
Whitehall.

90. Order in Council,—on petition of Dan. Porter and Edward Watts, merchants of London, for a passport for their ship the Margaret and Elizabeth, laden with fish, a perishing commodity, for the Straits,—granting the said passport, on the master's giving security to the Farmers of Customs, that the ship shall return into some port of England with the same number of mariners, within the time limited by Order of Council of 14th Nov. last.

Dec. 5.
Whitehall.

91. Like Order in Council, on petition of Dan. Porter and Edm. Watts, for a pass for the Hopeful Employment, manned with Swedes and Hamburgers, and laden with fish for the Straits.

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Whitehall.

92. Like Order in Council, on petition of Edw. Wheeler, merchant of Exeter, for a pass for his ship the Neptune of Topsham, laden with pilchards for Malaga before the late embargo.

Dec. 5.
Whitehall.

93. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to order delivery of the prize ship St. Salvador, now in the Thames, to Sir Edw. Spragg, as the King's free gift.

Dec. 5.
Winchester
Street.

94. Sir Robt. Vyner to Williamson. The shopkeepers who were formally in the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, wish him to publish in the Gazette of 10th December, that they have now built themselves shops above stairs and below in the Exchange, lately called Gresham College, Broad Street, and are ready to furnish customers as before.

Dec. 5.
Edenhall.

95. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. Meeting at Wetherby the express bringing the good news of the total rout of the rebels in Scotland, went a few miles out of his way to York, to give Lord Frescheville the first account. His lordship's troop is come to Penrith. All is in order at Carlisle; will go there to-morrow. Will study to obey Lord Arlington's commands, and make it his business to inquire whether any in those parts held intelligence with the Scotch rebels;

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finds they had well wishers. Fears to fail in his duty, through the ignorance or infirmities of old age.

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96. Minutes of examinations relative to the sale of a pamphlet entitled "The English Catholics' Apology." Eliz. Bud and — Radcliffe, hawkers, had it from John Brereton. Brereton acknowledges receiving 200 copies from two gentlemen in the Bell and Three Cranes' tavern, by the Savoy, Strand, and 100 more from a gentleman living near Charing Cross, and selling the same to dealers and in the street. Francis Fox says that a porter called him, Monday, Nov. 26, to the Bell and Three Cranes, and the gentlemen asked him to dispose of a parcel of books, but hearing they were a vindication of the Catholics, he dared not meddle with them; he told this to Brereton, who offered to take them, and he took Brereton to the gentlemen. Mrs. Layton, mistress, and two drawers of the said tavern depose to the arrival there of Matthias Gateley and another gentleman, with a large deal box, and to the coming of the hawkers into their chamber. Matthias Gateley acknowledges being at the tavern with Mr. Billingsley, but denies having any box, seeing any hawkers, or having anything to do with the Catholics' Apology. [2 pages.]

[Dec. 5.]

97. Examination of [Matthias] Gateley. Details of his proceeding on Monday fortnight; took a parcel to his master the Earl of Aylesbury; drank at taverns with certain parties; went to Mr. Billingsley's house, who showed him the Catholics' Apology. With testimony of another examinant, who believes Gateley to have been present when a hawker received from a priest 200 copies of an unlicensed book to distribute.

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98. Petition of Matthias Gateley, servant to the Earl of Aylesbury, to Lord Arlington, for release on bail, that he may clear himself of the accusation of having distributed the books called "The Apologie of the English Catholics."

Dec. 5.

Deal.

99. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Two Ostenders ran aground on the Goodwin, but were got off by help of Deal men. A French privateer tried to take one, but was prevented by the Englishmen on board. The vessels still remain in the Downs, on account of the great rains and violent storms.

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Portsmouth.

100. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Sends account of the last month's action, and will transmit the receipts and stores. [Adm. Paper.] Encloses,

100. I. Account by John Shales and Wm. Thorogood of credit given for provisions to five ships named during November. Portsmouth, Nov. 1666.

100. II. Account by John Shales and Wm. Thorowgood of casks, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned by seven ships named during November into the stores.

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- Dec. 5. 101. Certificate by Nathaniel Cobden, commander of the fire-ship the Happy Entrance, that he received a reward of 60*l.* by order of Sir Thos. Allin, for doing execution on the enemy with the said ship. Endorsed "Gething's child."
- Dec. 6. 102. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. Directions have been given to the agent at Dover to supply some in the Downs, so as to preserve their six months' victuals entire. Some will be victualled at Sheerness, there being more than enough to supply all the ships there for two months. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 6. 103. Sir Geo. Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Does not know of Whitehall. four merchant ships, but only of the East India Merchant, that has been discharged out of the service unpaid; has appointed money for her, and will do so for any other merchant ships unpaid, if named. If Capt. Langley cannot obtain men without an advance of pay, he is to bring them to the ticket office to be paid. As to money for timber at Harwich, having no other receipts than what are appropriated to the payment of wages, cannot direct any without order from his Royal Highness. If Capt. Taylor issued 1,000*l.* in timber so long ago, he should bring in bills to clear his imprest. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 6. 104. Joshua Mayd to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has been twice Norwich frigate, docked at Portsmouth and sent to Spithead, and had 20 men from Downs. the Sovereign to help him out. Complains of the want of men, &c. Hopes the clerk of the cheque at Portsmouth has given an account of the men and boys taken from him. The provisions taken in at Portsmouth are not convenient for the voyage, the beer sour and in wood-bound casks, and the pork and beef rusty and small; has not sufficient men, anchors, nor cables to secure the ship; has broken his small bower cable twice, and Mr. Coomer will not part with any without special order. It will be very difficult to victual there, the weather being so uncertain. Had they been ordered to the Buoy, they might have been manned and victualled in a quarter of the time. The gunner, boatswain, and carpenter's stores are not yet received, nor any order where to get them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 6. 105. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Wishes to know Blackamoor if they granted his request for a boat; his boatswain, sent for one, prize, not having returned, desires he may suffer for neglecting the King's Hole Haven. service. Has received an order to go to the Downs, but the want of the boat hinders him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 6. 106. Capt. John Barton to Sir Wm. Coventry. Came up to the Blackamoor Buoy of the Nore, and lost his boat in a storm. Sent the boatswain prize, and carpenter to Deptford, to get an order for another, but they have Hole Haven. neglected, in not coming back. Desires that their neglect may not be imputed to him; should return into the Downs if he had but a boat to go over the Flats. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 6. 107. Capt. W. Hamon to Sir W. Coventry. Stays for victuals ;
Long Reach. asks where the neglect lies ; has had only borrowed victuals on
board these four days. The Bristol is ready to sail this flood for
the Buoy at the Nore.

Dec. 6. 108. Petition of James Thompson, prisoner in the Gatehouse,
Westminster, to the King, for His Majesty's portion of his goods,
taken away on pretence of being prohibited ; is in prison only for
not taking the oath, but being poor and unable to bear law, has
agreed with the informer to release his goods for 20*l.* or 30*l.*, but
part belongs to His Majesty by law.

Dec. 6. 109. Petition of Lieutenant John Mildrum to Lord Arlington,
for an employment in the projected design against Brest. Has been
employed ever since the Restoration, and is willing to hazard his
life in the service in which his father, Capt. Wm. Mildrum, lost his
life.

Dec. 6. 110. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Lieut.-Col. James Wallace, the
Edinburgh. first stirrer up of the rebellion, persuaded the people that there was to
be a general rising in one day in England, Scotland, and Ireland,
against the bishops, and that Edinburgh was secured ; he thus
mustered 1,400 bold rascals ; they gave the general three sore
charges, being nearly equal in numbers, and his foot falling back,
faint for want of food, as they had marched 20 or 24 miles a day for
eight days, with nothing to eat but what the rebels or Whigs, as
they are called, had left. Ten are tried and condemned to be hanged
to-morrow, and their heads and right arms distributed over the
kingdom ; their names are Major McCulloch of Barhulm, Capt. And.
Arnot, Thos. Patterson of Glasgow, John Parker, John Gordon of
Knockbreck, Galloway, and his brother Robert, John Ross of
Machlinn, Robert and Gavin Hamilton, and John Smith. One of
them quoted the 149th psalm as the reason of their rising, and
said their ministers led them to expect that they were not to
fight, but God would arise and scatter their enemies before them.
Never were more deluded creatures. All the horse and 1,000 foot
are sent to apprehend the rest.

Dec. 6. 111. Jo. Man to Williamson. A Carmarthen vessel was thrown
Swansea. by the storm on the flats in the Mumbles Road, and split in pieces,
many of her goods lost, and those saved damaged by salt water.
Fears the very bad weather will bring tidings of more wrecks.

Dec. 6. 112. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Among the crowds of un-
Harwich. truths that swarm from London, it is said that our ships are stopped
at Gottenburg ; has mitigated the fury of the report by offering to
lay a wager against it, and by repeating last night's news of the
receipt of masts from New England. Wind westerly.

Dec. 6. 113. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A New England ship of 600
Deal. tons, laden with masts for His Majesty, has arrived ; 12 London
ships, outward bound, are coming in. After the great tempestuous

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rains, the weather is good ; there is not a house infected, nor a sick person in Deal.

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Dover.

114. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The wind blew such a storm yesterday, that an English ship of ten guns laden with oil, was forced ashore at Boulogne ; the men were saved, but taken prisoners. The contagion is very little there. Longs to hear of the routing of the rebels in Scotland.

Dec. 6.

Aldborough.

115. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The bad thick weather has prevented the seeing or hearing of any sail. Hopes the Gottenburg fleet cleared the land with Monday's wind, or they may be in great danger.

Dec. 6.

Truro.

116. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Scots retain their old principles of rebellion. Has wondered lately to see so many of their merchants come as far as Truro, with their shops on their back, and sell their wares 2*d.* in a shilling cheaper than the shop-keepers. Suspects they came rather for spies than profit, and in future will question those who come thither from Scotland.

Dec. 7.

Pembroke.

117. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The vessel wrecked at Tenby was of 70 tons, laden with tobacco and sugar from New England. The men, and a few of the goods are saved, but the hull quite lost ; another New England ship is lying in the Mould at Tenby. The Good Company of Phyll was cast away last week, about Neath.

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118. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Letter Office.

119. Ja. Hickes to [Williamson]. Forwards his letters and prays for his health ; has been severely dealt with by the late sudden and violent storms.

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Hull.

120. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Hears that the Commons in Holland have risen against De Witt. An Ipswich and a Faversham collier were taken by two Zealand privateers about Burnham, the master of one kept prisoner, and all the other men put into a boat and left to take their fortune at sea, but they were picked up by another collier, who brought them into the Humber. The London fleet, the richest that ever left the port, has gone to sea, with only the Speedwell for convoy. There have not been so many fears since the routing of the rebels in Scotland. The sending of horse and foot to Leeds was a good act, for that is the most dangerous part of Yorkshire.

Dec. 7.

Plymouth.

121. John Clarke to James Hickes. Part only of the New England fleet left on Tuesday, because of cross winds ; the rest have sailed to day.

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122. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Plymouth.

123. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Departure of the New England and Virginia ships.

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Edinburgh.

124. Statement that Major MacCulloch, Capt. Arnot, two Gordons of Knockbreck, and six others were hanged at Edinburgh.

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Arnot, in the name of the rest, uttered a prayer instead of a speech, threw down a paper among the people, declaring their adherence to King and Covenant, against bishops, and then drew forth a bottle of sack, and with a roaring voice, declared he would drink no more wine till he drank it new in his Father's kingdom, and then most comically turned himself off; 10 of the lay elders are to fill the stage next, and so on till all the crew are ferreted out of their conventicles, in order to which the Lord Commissioner and army are gone to traverse those parts where the frenzy rose. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

[Dec. 7.] 125. ——— to George Morton, Newcastle. Ten leaders of the late rebels [in Scotland] were hanged yesterday, 20 more will be next week, and so on till 120 who were taken are disposed of. The Commissioner's army is gone again to reform the west country.

Dec. 7. 126. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Most of the gentry of Cumberland and Westmoreland were at Carlisle on Monday last, with Rydal. the Lord [Commissioner of Scotland], and others would have gone to Scotland, had not the rioters been foiled. Further trouble is feared, for many Scots favoured the insurrection, though now they try to mince it into a petty riot. They should not be trusted too far, lest Dutch or French coin tempt them from their duty. Those two counties are issuing warrants on the proclamations against Papists. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Dec. 7. 127. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Some of the vessels that Newcastle. sailed on Friday arrived safely, but the rest are said to have met 14 Dutch men-of-war, who took some, and put the rest ashore. There is much discontent for want of trade, as thousands get their living by the coal works, many of whom already go a begging. They have driven the hearth-money collectors twice out of Sandgate; the mayor sent to assist the collectors, but there were none but women, the keelmen's wives, to be seen. Some of the laden colliers would have sailed this morning, but the men-of-war hindered them.

Dec. 7. 128. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The 12 ships that passed yesterday Deal. are bound some for the Straits, some for the West Indies, with convoys; there are 20 English and 24 foreign ships outward bound in the Downs; the winds are against them, but moderate.

Dec. 7. 129. Petition of Capt. Thos. Thornton to the King, for the prize ship Fortune of Bergen, or some satisfaction out of the Prize Office; his father, Major Wm. Thornton was turned out of Hull in 1642 by Sir John Hotham, advanced 2,300*l.* for the late King's army at York, and lost about 16,000*l.* for his loyalty.

Dec. 7. 130. Petition of Sir Roger Langley, Bart., to the King, for restoration of the fee-farm rent of 80*l.* a year which he purchased by unfortunate necessity from the usurpers. Was ever loyal, and one of the first gentlemen in Yorkshire to join the Duke of Albemarle at his coming into England; raised 25 good men and horse at his

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own charge, to oppose Lambert and possess York ; but being ignorant of the usual course, failed to obtain, as others did, confirmation of the fee-farm rents which they were obliged to purchase from the usurpers. If this rent cannot be granted, begs the reversion, after Barth. Beale or John Wood, of an auditorship of imprest in the Exchequer.

Dec. 7. Reference to the Lord-General on the petition of Capt. Thomas Writtle, for compensation for his loss in having Upnor Castle taken from him, on the reducing of that garrison. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 230.*]

Dec. 7. Reference to the Lord Treasurer, Lord Ashley, and Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, on the petition of James Earl of Northampton, for a lease for 99 years of a park adjoining his own land, at the old rent, in lieu of the estate he has already therein. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 231.*]

Dec. 7. 131. Robt. Bodenham to the Navy Comrs. Sends an estimate of materials, &c., for making sails for the St. David, built by Daniel Furzer, to be completed by 7th March. Shall require 100*l.* on the cutting out, 100*l.* three weeks after, and the remainder on delivery. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. 132. Wm. Walton, carpenter of the Norwich, to Sir W. Coventry. The Norwich. Understands the ship is bound for the West Indies ; desires an order for the delivery of stores necessary for the voyage, as his stores are only fit for the Channel. Mr. Tippetts at Portsmouth had no order about them, and could not tell what allowance to let him have. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. 133. Petition of Thos. Perrin, surveyor to the Navy Comrs., for a warrant to Mr. Pett, or Mr. Shish, or to the master of the [Shipwrights'] Hall, for making a survey of the new ship at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. 134. Ri. Reynell to [Thos.] Hayter. Peter Small, formerly surgeon Surgeons' Hall, of the Orange, took his medicines of an apothecary to whom he assigned his free gift and imprest money. The apothecary has not yet received the money, although his name was put into the bill, at the desire of Comr. Middleton of Portsmouth. Begs that Thos. Davenport may have new bills. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 8. 1. Petition of the Officers of the Little Gift to the Navy Comrs., The Little Gift, that George Rudacke, master, who has been faithful and courageous, Dublin. may succeed Capt. John Johnson, commander, who died on the 7th instant. With seven signatures. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 2. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. The provisions for the Bonaventure and Norwich have sailed. Has no warrant for victualling

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the Blackamoor. Wants a letter for the release of the master of the Lynn vessel, of which he is advised by Mr. Clarke of Ipswich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 3. Capt. Valen. Pyne, captain of the St. Andrew, to the Navy Comrs.
Postmaster's, Has dried his sails and taken up his cables, except one which is lost.
Rye. Has ordered the purser to get his books ready, and appointed eight men to assist in the shipping off of stores; the rest will begin their journey for Portsmouth, with money for three days' victuals, except a few sick, who will be discharged by tickets. Shall examine the mayor's accounts for assistance procured to bring the vessel into harbour, and to avoid the clamour of poor people, perfect those of the sick men put ashore, in case of leaving before the sub-commissioners for the sick and wounded arrive. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
Encloses,

3. 1. *List of 11 officers and men of the St. Andrew, who stayed at Rye to ship off her stores.*

Dec. 8. 4. John Huntington, master of the Black Dog, to Sam. Pepys.
The Adam and Eve, Has orders for pressing six men. The high waters have caused
Stockwith. trouble with the timber; and Mr. Russell was not with them, but only Will. Mills, who owns the shore. The men grumble, and two have run; could not look after them, and so pressed two more. The timber carriers are constantly looking out for Mr. Russell to pay them; the carpenter will not work; supposes it is for the want of money. The provisions are not arrived. Is taking in timber, but will not take in more than half a lading until further orders, as if the frost come on, there will be danger of the vessel's security. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 5. J. Sotherne to Thos. Hayter. Sir W. Coventry desires an account of the condition of 28 ships named, lying at Woolwich, Deptford, and Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 6. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of two ships; 127
Portsmouth. oxen and 317 hogs have been slaughtered since 1 December. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 7. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Has been desired by the
Gravesend. magistrates to forward the enclosed ticket offered to a townsman for sale, but Pepys' signature to it is considered a forgery. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. 8. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The straits and complaints
Bristol. for money are such that he knows not what to do. Two timber merchants came down expressly for their money. The collector would pay him if he had a bill; asks for one to satisfy so great necessities. Could launch the ship by Candlemas, and if he could have got 30 loads of timber, would have been ready now; has been much troubled about land carriage, procuring meetings of the justices, &c. Asks some way of reforming that business. Cannot get any more iron until he has paid for what the smiths have already had. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Dec. 8. 9. John Bower to James Hickes. There is a report of men-of-war having fallen in with the laden collier fleet.
Bridlington.
- Dec. 8. 10. John Mascall to Williamson. Sends tidings from Edinburgh.
York. [*To the same effect as Mein's letter to Williamson of December 4.*]
- Dec. 8. 11. Alexander Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. If a right
Edinburgh. use be made of the late victory, it will conduce much to the advantage of the King, and help to settle that tottering kingdom; but remissness therein would lay the foundation for a new and worse rebellion.
- Dec. 8. 12. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The ten men died holding to
Edinburgh. their first principles against bishops, but prayed fervently for the King, and for the removal of the wicked from about the throne. They threw a most confused paper over the ladder. Nine more are to be tried before the Justice Court, and will no doubt be cast; the tenth, Patterson of Glasgow, is dead.
- Dec. 8? 13. Statement that — Neilson, of Corsome, and Hugh Mackell, an expectant minister, were tortured, but confessed nothing; 10 were to be hanged on Thursday last the 6th, and 10 more on Tuesday next the 11th. The Lord Commissioner is at Glasgow, and will remain till the bottom of the design is found out, and exemplary punishment made at the dwelling places of the rebels.
- Dec. 8. Pass for the ships Margaret and Elizabeth, laden with fish, to the Straits,—as being a perishable commodity delay would ruin the merchants,—on security to the farmers of customs to return to an English port within the time limited by order of Council. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 291.*]
- Dec. 8. Like pass for the ship Neptune of Topsham to the Straits. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 291.*]
- Dec. 8. Like pass for the Hopeful Employment, with all foreigners aboard. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 291.*]
- Dec. 8. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive Matthew Rose, and keep him close prisoner Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 292.*]
- Dec. 8. 14. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The disaffected are
Chester Castle. much depressed with the good news from Scotland, especially on account of the Covenanters. Ralph Egg, of Chester, late parish clerk of St. John's, the man who proclaimed the King a traitor when he was at Worcester, said that the Covenant was going up and would go up; he has now fled. The mayor and recorder have made strict search to take and bring him to condign punishment; they are very careful to discover such incendiaries. Wishes strict course were taken with the rank covenanters, who are the source of all disturbances.
- Dec. 8. 15. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Yesterday the people of Sandgate constabulary forced both mayor, officers, and collectors of hearth money from them twice, with violence. The mayor, recorder, and aldermen went in the afternoon to appease the tumult, and to explain the intentions of the collectors of the duty, which was very

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small, and only to be taken from those who were able. They said they were willing, but had not bread to eat; indeed hundreds of them for weeks have lived only on oatmeal, water, and cudbush boiled together. All is now quiet, and the ministers and churchwardens are to give account of who are able to pay. The collectors were only ordered to take from those that were willing, but the ruder people stoned them away.

Dec. 8. 16. Extracts from the preceding, and also from R. Mein's letter of Dec. 6; naming also a proclamation lately issued at Edinburgh, discharging any from receiving the rebels lately in arms in the West of Scotland.

Dec. 8. 17. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Roebuck has sailed with
Harwich. 17 or 18 ships for Hull and Newcastle. The weather is strangely uncertain.

Dec. 8. 18. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There have 50 laden colliers sailed
Aldborough. southwards. An Ostender, laden with sprats from Yarmouth, reports all our Gottenburg fleet cast away, and it is generally spoken of. Is glad of the total rout of the rebellious Scots. No capers are seen on those coasts.

Dec. 8. 19. John Pocock to James Hickes. Hopes Mr. Williamson received
Weymouth. his last letter.

Dec. 8. 20. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Dec. 8. 21. Sir Peter Wyche to Williamson. Missing him three or four
West Cowes. times the last day he was in town, had to leave without thanking him and receiving his commands. Left London Nov. 28, the roads very wet; the 29th was the stormiest day he ever heard of, and riding 24 miles was a great journey; reached Portsmouth the 30th, found the good company well and the frigate ready, but they were detained by the worst weather even the old men ever remember. Sailed on Tuesday, but were kept in their cabins by weather, and anchored at West Cowes. Went ashore with Bishop [Russell] and continues there, the wind being still S.W. Went to Newport to dine with Sir Hen. Jones and his lady. There are reports that a woman, going to a spring in the south of the island, to fetch a pail of water, filled it three times with blood. Fleets have been seen on that side, fighting in the sea. Many of the 50 ships which left Plymouth 14 days ago are reported much damaged. The company beg performance of the King's promise to Bishop [Russell] to enlarge the limit of the ship's stay beyond 10 days, though that is the time fixed in the sailing orders. [2 pages.]

Dec. 9. 22. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several New England and
Portsmouth. Virginia merchant ships, four laden with masts and bound for London, have come in there to unlade. Sent the packet to Sir Peter Wyche, but the boat was forced in again by the weather. The town is in good health.

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Dec. 9. Deal. 23. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The distemper is much ceased at Sandwich, and not a house in Deal is injured. Few came ashore from the 50 ships in the Downs, though the houses had been washed and cleansed a month before orders were sent. The winds are very high.
- Dec. 9. Berwick. 24. Mark Scott to Williamson. A gentleman from Edinburgh reports that 10 of the rebels were hanged on Friday last, and 11 more will be to-morrow.
- Dec. 9. Warrant for Thomas Cass to be master carpenter to the Ordnance; fee, 8*d.* a day, with arrears since Michaelmas 1665. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 290.*]
- Dec. 9. Warrant for Jonadab Holloway to be hand-gun maker to the Ordnance; fee 1*s.* 4*d.* a day, with like arrears. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 290.*]
- Dec. 9. Falmouth. 25. Thos. Holden to James Hikes. The only Pendennis soldier who refused the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy was 'one of Lord Arundel's own servants, a Roman Catholic.
- Dec. 9. Plymouth. 26. J. Langford to [Sam. Pepys]. Understands that the bread and beer is to be declared for 1,000 men for 365 days; the pork, peas, fish, butter, and cheese for 364 days, and the beef likewise, with 500 pieces over. Asks for an allowance for letters and paper, and for going on board the frigates for surveys. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 10. The Royal Henry. 27. Petition of Anthony Cockarell, master's mate, to the Navy Comrs., to be admitted into favour, and have command of a fifth or sixth rate frigate, or a situation as gunner, boatswain, or master, on a third or fourth rate; served a Holland captain seven years, as upper steersman in 50 and 60 gun ships. Was not turned out of the Monk for disability, but for a hasty word, and had he given the clerk a dinner or a fee, his accounts would have been passed as well as most gunners in the fleet, all of whom might as well be turned out. Has been with Sir Robt. Holmes all the summer, and has received no arrears for all the good services done with Prince Rupert. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 10. Portsmouth. 28. John Sugar to Mr. Hallard. Desires the warrant appointing him surgeon of the Deptford ketch, commanded by Capt. Mark Pearse, and the money due for recruits of medicine. Countersigned by Capt. Pearse. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 10. 29. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. The bearer, John Emery, surgeon of the Blackamoor pink, has been on board 26 months, and only received recruits of medicine for six months; has permitted him to leave to obtain them, and requests that he may be supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 10. Grant to Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, of the office of Water-bailiff of the Thames, in reversion after John Thorpe. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 10. 30. John Pocock to James Hickes. The two vessels cast on to
Weymouth. Portland beach are not both broken to pieces as reported, and the
Morlaix vessel will be got off again.

Dec. 10. 31. John Lysle to Williamson. A French wine vessel, sent in by
West Cowes. the Swallow, proves to belong to Wm. Stanly and Rob. Richbell,
merchants of Southampton. The master reports that many Holland
ships were at Bourdeaux; some are sent home through the Channel,
others by the northern passage; hopes some may be taken. The
Sweepstakes is there, with Lord Russell, Sir Peter Wyche, and other
persons of quality for Lisbon. It is feared in Denmark that 10
men-of-war, sent to convoy home the Iceland fleet, are lost on the
north of Scotland. Asks whether to hold a private correspondence
with a friend in Denmark. Is again employed in the Prize Office,
since his suspension, and supposes it to be through the influence of
Williamson and Sir Thos. Prestwich. [2 pages.]

Dec. 10. 32. Sir Peter Wyche to Williamson. Thanks for dispatches;
West Cowes. will send him the news. The New England fleet with the King's
masts rides at Spithead. Two ships from Plymouth confirm the
ill news of the scattering, through the storm, of the fleet that left
Plymouth. The weather is fairer, but the wind still obstinately
S.W.

Dec. 10. 33. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. It is feared this week's
Norwich. bill [of mortality] will be as high as the last.

Dec. 10. 34. Fras. Malory to Williamson. A New England ship has got
Pembroke. into Swansea, and the Martin and Dartmouth into Pembroke. Has
divulged the order of the Farmers of Customs, for all ships bound
for the Plantations to repair to the Downs, where they shall have
convoy.

Dec. 10. 35. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Dec. 10. 36. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A small Virginia ship has
Deal. arrived in the Downs; wind N.W., and all preparing to sail.

Dec. 10. 37. Note that Mr. Joliffe, deputy governor [of the East India
Company], and Mr. Kendal were deputed to wait on Lord Arlington,
and inform him that the company are sending a messenger to keep up
good correspondence with the King of Bantam, in order to preserve
their estates, and prevent mischief, by the misinformations of the
Dutch; and as that King sent a present of jewels to His Majesty,
in August 1665, they think he will expect an answer. Endorsed
[by Lord Arlington's clerk] "That within 15 days the ship for
Bantam will set sail, and your lordship is entreated to mind His
Majesty of a present for that King."

Dec. 10. 38. Sir John Austin and Edmund Tooke, justices of peace,
Dartford. to Lord Arlington. Though there appeared no legal ground of pro-
ceeding against the inhabitants of Dartford, on account of the
rescue of impressed seamen there, yet as ordered by his lordship,
re-examined the matter, and find all was done by seamen passing by,

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the pressed men being imprudently secured in rooms next the street, and no guard on them. The disturbance was occasioned by the ill-management of persons employed, rather than by disaffection, the town being cordially well affected. If the civil officers of the town were employed to impress seamen, it would be done more effectually and peaceably. *Encloses,*

38 I. *Examinations of Thos. Bembridge and Henry Lawrence, officers of Dartford. On the 4th the master's mate and several seamen of the Bonaventure came to impress the seamen travelling through the town, and took several; thinks they might have had more, had they not been partial and released some; these gave notice to others on the road of the press, and they refrained from coming in till they had made a party sufficient to fight their way, which they did, and delivered such other seamen impressed as desired it. Tried by fair words and such opposition as they could make to hinder it; no townspeople joined in the rescue, and no one was beaten by the rescuers.* Dec. 10, 1666.

38. II. *Examination of Robt. Glover, constable of Dartford and Wilmington hundred. Had several impressed men left in his charge, Dec. 4th, by the mate of the Bonaventure, but having no guard, 40 other seamen violently forced open the door where they were, and delivered them, threatening to pull down his house if he refused. No inhabitant assisted them.* Dec. 10, 1666.

38. III. *Examination of Alexander Skeath, yeoman of Dartford. On the 4th, saw 50 seamen, with clubs, pistols, swords, and stones, coming down Spittle hill. The lieutenant, who was impressing seamen, tried with 10 men he had about him to impress some of these, and threatened to fire on them with a pistol, but was overpowered; the men in custody desiring to be released, they were so, and carried through the town.*

38. IV. *Information of Thos. Smith, officer of Dartford. Went on the 9th to summon the master's mate of the Bonaventure to meet the Justices at the Bull, in Dartford, to give information about a tumultuous assembly there, but the ship had sailed on the 8th instant.* Dec. 10, 1666.

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39. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. Some of the Scottish rebels are still together in Galloway, supposing it to be as dangerous to disperse as to keep together. The Earl of Annandale and other lords are sent for, to attend the King's commissioner at Glasgow. The common people in the west of Scotland have a kindness for the rebels, and will not readily discover such as skulk at their houses. This last design is said to have been formidable, but disappointed by precipitation; they may fall to work again; will be vigilant for discovery. [1½ pages.]

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- Dec. 10. 40. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. There are a few vessels in port,
Pendennis. and one from Iceland, laden with corn, bound for Tangiers.
- [Dec. 10.] 41. [E. Godefroy] Touret to Lord Arlington. Though in prison
[Gatehouse.] by his orders, thinks his lordship is ignorant of the severity of his
treatment; is not allowed to see, speak, nor write to any one, and
thinks it is through his enemies, who wish to prevent his clearing
himself. Relies on his lordship's justice and his own innocence.
[*French*, 1½ pages.]
- Dec. [10.] 42. Petition of Elie Godefroy Touret, close prisoner in the
Gatehouse, to Lord Arlington, to permit Mdme. De Marrye to come
to him, to provide him necessaries; is French, and no one in the
house can understand him, because he can speak no English.
- Dec. 10. 43. Petition of Elie Godefroy Touret, prisoner in the Gatehouse,
to Lord Arlington, for the liberty of the prison and speedy examina-
tion, or release on bail; knows not why he is committed, and can
neither speak nor understand English.
- Dec. 10. Reference to the House of Peers of the petition of George Duke
of Buckingham, Baron Roos, &c., complaining that John Manners,
eldest son of the Earl of Rutland, pretends to the title of Baron
Roos, though this, with all other titles belonging to the barony of
Roos, belongs to the petitioner. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 231.]
- Dec. 10. 44. Estimate made by a committee of the House of Commons
of what may be raised by the Poll Bill, classifying the payers into
10 divisions; total, 540,035*l*.
- Dec. 10. 45. Ben. Francis to Williamson. No capers have been on the
Sunderland. coast for five weeks; 14 men-of-war fell in with 120 of the coal-
laden fleet, and dispersed them; hears of none taken. The Scotch
mutineers are utterly routed, and great numbers killed and taken,
with little loss to the loyal party.
- Dec. 10. 46. Hugh Acland to Williamson. People are apprehensive of
Truro. approaching danger, as some factious fellows write what their brains
fancy, to beget jealousies in others. This has been always the
design of that sort of people; hopes they will never prevail as
formerly.
- Dec. 10. 47. Jo. Man to Williamson. A merchant vessel, without men,
Swansea. is said to be driven ashore at Caldý Island, off Pembroke, and three
Dutch ships, with instruments of war, near St. David's Point.
- Dec. 10. 48. "Advices received," being memoranda from letters calendared
above.
- Dec. 11. 49. Warham Jemmet, sen., to [Williamson]. The mayor of Dover
Dover. is earnest to comply with Williamson's wish to have the masters
examined on oath, and those who live at a distance are sent for.
When the collier fleet comes home, there will be many more such
complaints from some of Dover, who are yet at Newcastle for want

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of convoy, though they have been laden three months. The Calais and Nieuport mails cannot get out, because of the weather. Thinks he has deserved 100*l.* by service to the Prize Comrs., in discovering the condemned French goods from the Milkmaid, which have brought in His Majesty 1,000*l.*; is confident of discovering more, and deserving the other 100*l.* to pay Mr. Banks.

Dec. 11. 50. Rich. Forster to Williamson. All is now quieted by the
Newcastle. prudence of the mayor and commissioners, and the hearth money has been peaceably collected.

Dec. 11. 51. John Clarke to James Hikes. No vessels have arrived
Plymouth. lately, only two frigates are in port.

Dec. 11. 52. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Dec. 11. 53. John Pocock to James Hikes. Thanks for Mr. Williamson's
Weymouth. letter of the 7th.

Dec. 11. 54. Petition of Joseph Batailhé, King's wine merchant, to the
King, for permission to get a free ship to bring wines from Bourdeaux to London, for purveyance of the household.

Dec. 11. The King to the University of Cambridge. Requires them to
admit Thomas Flatman to take his M.A. degree there, although his B.A. degree was taken at Oxford, reserving him his seniority. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 107b.*]

Dec. 11. Mandate to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford, to
Westminster. admit Dr. George Croyden, appointed by the King canon there, in room of John Dolben, made Bishop of Rochester. [*Latin. Ent. Book 48, p. 11.*]

Dec. 11. 55. R. M. [Rob. Meine] to Williamson. Hugh Mackell and Alex-
Edinburgh. ander Robertson, ministers, and others are to be tried at the Justice Court, and will doubtless go the way of their predecessors. The right hands of those executed are to be set up on poles at Lanerick, where they held them up to swear to the covenant. The Bishop of Glasgow has been very active during the rebellion. [*Damaged.*]

Dec. 11. 56. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Lord Brouncker came on Satur-
Harwich. day from Chatham, in the Monmouth, and was most welcome to those of the King's yard. Rear-Admiral Utber, in the Rupert, with two other ships, has anchored in the Gunfleet, in order to a voyage with some design.

Dec. 11. 57. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The vessels sunk within the pier
Yarmouth. lay so in the way that a collier bound for London ran against one of them and sank. Two Yarmouth colliers were attacked by a caper, and one taken; the other escaped by saying that the master, who lay dead, had died of the plague. The foot company in town and their officers have received the sacrament, and taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

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Dec. 11. 58. Willm. Wakeman to Williamson. The vessels bound for the
Barnstaple. plantations keep their stations, waiting for wind and weather.

Dec. 11. 59. Queries [by Lord Arlington], for the examination of Jean
Coureur.

Dec. 11. 60. Examination of Jean Coureur. Is of St. Omer, and his father
of Paris. Left Paris three months ago, intending to live with his
brother-in-law, Jean Choisin, tobacco merchant in Ireland, with
whom he is going into business. Had letters of credit on M. Verbecq.
Knows not the man who was in the coach with him [when taken].
Has spoken to no one but Fourdin and another, who are also going
to his brother-in-law; has no addresses to any one. The letter
addressed to Sieur d'Orainville, the examinee's father, is from a
Havre correspondent and on business. Has spoken to no one on
anything but business. Only met Balthasar Kiel accidentally at
Dunkirk. Dined with Parent at M. De Verbecq's, with another
English merchant. [*French, 2 pages.*]

Dec. ? 61. Folding sheet, endorsed "Baltasar Kiel, serviteur de M.
Coureur."

Dec. ? 62. Confession of Jean Baptiste Coureur, son of Rob. Coureur, mer-
chant of Paris. Left Paris to visit his brother-in-law, Jean Choisin,
merchant naturalized at Kinsale. Particulars of his journey by Calais,
Dunkirk, Margate, Canterbury, and Gravesend, to London. Often
asked to be taken to a French cabaret, and a sailor took him to one;
then got a coach to call on M. De Verbecq, with a letter of credit for
money, should he want it, having only brought 30*l.* for his journey.
Mr. Verbecq instructed him to take coach for Chester, and there take
the mail packet for Dublin; particulars of his purchases; Verbecq
gave him a letter of credit on a Dublin alderman. Set out at length
in the coach, when four men on horseback rode up and demanded
his passport, and not having one, put him in guard. Simon Choisin,
his brother-in-law's brother, and M. Fourdin have gone before into
Ireland. Came to England on the King's declaration that all French-
men would be welcome, and asked no passport. [*French, 2½
pages.*]

Dec. [11.] 63. [Brian Lord Cullen] to Williamson. Has sent the orders to the
deputy lieutenants to search for arms in the houses of Popish recu-
sants, but there are only two or three in the county. Searched
that of his neighbour, Mr. Pulton, but found only two birding guns
and an old sword, besides his militia arms. Asks leave to restore
him the two guns, as he loves shooting, and also two birding guns
taken from two day labourers' houses. Enquires whether to search
the house of Lord Cardigan, he being a peer. With note of thanks
from E. Lady Cullen to Williamson for his present.

Dec. 11. 64. Sir John Hebden to the Navy Comrs. Sends proposals for
Peckham. providing hemp, tar, masts, tallow, and other naval stores from
Russia with the quantities and prices at which they may be had.
As to the carriage, considers freighting ships very improper, as the

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masters demand of the merchants 6*l.* a ton on such gross goods. Fly-boats sent on purpose are most proper for such commodities as they may sail with a master and his mate, boatswain, and 14 mariners; merchant ships will not stir without double the number, and will not carry near the burthen. They should either be insured or a fifth-rate ship sent for their convoy, which would give great satisfaction to the merchants, and be to the honour of the nation, in daring to show themselves abroad, in spite of Holland, which lately made brags in those parts, and exposed to view some collier vessels which they had taken. Desires his proposal to be kept a secret from the merchants, that another may not plough with his heifer. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Dec. 11. 65. Capt. Richard White to the Navy Comrs. Has brought the
The Milford, Milford frigate to Woolwich, by Sir W. Coventry's order. [*Adm.*
Woolwich. *Paper.*]

Dec. 11. 66. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Adventure is under
Plymouth. repair, but hopes to dispatch her in three days. The Forester in the Sound is waiting for company, having order from Sir W. Coventry to go two together. Asked an order for the Mermaid hoy from the Prize Comrs., but she has gone to London, and has been begged from the King. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

66. I. [*List of the names of 24 men entered on board the Golden Sun at Dover, with the wages due to them till their discharge, Nov. 15, 1666. With note by John Lanyon that he examined it with the original, and found it correct.* Dec. 10, 1666.]

66. II. *Certificate by John Lanyon, George Jones, shipwright, and John Garratt, boatswain of the Hulk, of the length, breadth, &c., of the Golden Sun of London.*
Plymouth, Dec. 10, 1666.

Dec. 11. 67. Anthony Irby to Sir Wm. Batten. Begg repayment for provisions furnished by Andrew Slee to the captain of the Truelove frigate, at Boston, where he had 50 pressed men aboard. Mr. Slee would not furnish them unless the writer would answer for the debt; did so because His Majesty's service should not be retarded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 11. 68. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Repeats his information of the
Dover. 1st instant respecting Mr. Clarke and Mr. Wivell. Mr. Wivell employs a man to keep his books; thinks them both alike, and dares not credit either of them. Is informed that pursers frequently sell their letters of credit privately, and suggests means to find it out. Requests an order for payment of his salary. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages, damaged.*]

Dec. 11. 69. Capt. John Swanley to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Gauden
Portsmouth. refusing payment of the late allowance to sick and wounded men at sea, Comr. Middleton directed him to apply to their honours. His purser refuses to provide as formerly, till he knows whether any allowance will be made. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Dec. 11. 70. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Sends account of
Portsmouth. the delivery of cables to a Capt. Locke, commander of the Black
Cock. Is ordered by Sir W. Coventry to keep one of the New
England ships laden with masts, but the master is unwilling to stay
without order from Sir W. Warren; the other ships will sail in
convoy with the Guernsey, ordered to see them to the Buoy of the
Nore. The hemp merchant came for 150*l.* to keep him out of gaol;
had compassion, and gave him a note on his own credit for 40 days
on Mr. Newland of Cowes; he will return with another load of
hemp, for which money will be wanted. The Eagle having a leak,
has ordered her into port to be cleaned and tallowed. The Guernsey
has convoyed the deals so long expected from Plymouth. [*Adm.
Paper, 2 pages.*]
- Dec. 11. 71. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Set out the Flying
Newcastle. Greyhound for Harwich, at a charge of 174*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, and 10*l.*
allowed him for his trouble made 184*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, which was ordered to
paid seven months ago. Begs payment, as he has not been able to
obtain one farthing, and his credit is much injured thereby. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Dec. 12. 72. Thos. Bowser to Sam. Pepys. Being bound on a foreign
The Norwich. voyage, requests a bill for recruits of medicines; has had but one
recruit in the 23 months that he has been surgeon of her. Wishes
the bill delivered to his father; was very much troubled in getting
the money when it was given to Mr. Reynell, clerk of Surgeons' Hall.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 12. 73. Capt. Robt. Werden to the Navy Comrs. Asks that Mr. Colmer
The Norwich, may supply a cable. The hoy with the beef, pork, and other neces-
Downs. saries for the ship is forced by the foul weather into Margate, with
the loss of her cables and anchors. The beer only has arrived.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 12. Warrant for delivery to Capt. Thomas Elliot of the dogger boat,
a prize brought in by the Revenge, and now lying at Chatham.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 292.*]
- Dec. 12. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] to deliver to Capt.
Robert Clerk the White Dove and the St. Andrew. Minute. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 292.*]
- Dec. 12. Pass for Sir Gelyn Quirinse into England. Minute. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 292.*]
- Dec. 12. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to allow Daniel
Favreau De la Fabvolière a yearly salary of 180*l.*, for his usefulness
in the King's service. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 293.*]
- Dec. 12. Warrant for an additional allowance of 500*l.* a year each to the
Commissioners of Ordnance, on account of their pains and trouble in
the late foreign wars, in addition to the 500*l.* each granted them
April 10, 1665. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 293-5.*]
- [Dec. 12.] 74. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]

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[Dec. 12.] 75. Warrant for a grant to Sir Thos. Daniell of a reserved rent of 100*l.*, payable by Sir John Mennes and Rob. Phillips on the rectory and manor of Canington, co. Somerset, and of one of 40*l.* by Hen. Seymour, for St. John's Wood, Chippen Wickham, co. Bucks, for acceptable service done to the present and late Kings. [*1½ pages.*]
- Dec. 12. Entry of the above. [*Ent Book 23, pp. 295-7.*]
- Dec. 12. Pass for Sir Henry Tichborne and family to Flanders and the Spa waters for his health. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 104.*]
- Dec. 12. Warrant for instalment of the first fruits of Dr. John Dolben, late Dean of Westminster, Bishop of Rochester, 322*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid in four years. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 55.*]
- Dec. 12. 76. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Is told that Lord Brouncker, a Navy Comr., has made the seamen exceeding outrageous, by detaining thousands of seamen's tickets, and ordering the men to other ships, without tickets or money; several seamen have sworn to do for him if they meet him. He is said to have got 30,000*l.* out of the two great Dutch prizes. They also complain that Sir W. Batten, formerly a serious, honest man, now rants and storms, calls their wives ill names, and forces them away. Many persons have been found murdered in the vaults among the ruins [of London]. It is supposed that the link fellows, who cry "Do you want lights?" when they catch a man single, knock him down, strip him, and leave him for dead. An apothecary's man in Southwark, coming into Fenchurch Street, was so treated, but when the murderers were gone, he struck a light by a tinder-box they had left behind, saw a woman's dead body in the vault, and got out. For want of good watches, no one dares go in the ruins, after the close of the evening.
- Dec. 12. 77. Thos. Holden to Williamson. One vessel is gone out with Falmouth. pilchards for Lisbon, and two for Malaga; two or three pickeroons have lately appeared off the coast, and chased a Falmouth vessel into Fowey.
- Dec. 12. 78. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- Dec. 12. 79. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Two vessels have sailed Lyme. laden with provisions for Guernsey and Jersey.
- Dec. 12. 80. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The Portsmouth has brought Lynn. in six laden colliers from Tynemouth; they heard of 12 Holland men-of-war off the coast, but saw none. The enemies in Scotland, though routed, are said to have been in greater numbers than was supposed.
- Dec. 12. 81. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Fears he is offended, not having Dover. heard from him; six of the Smyrna fleet are in the Downs; also 30 sail of the Gottenburg fleet, bound for London, laden with pitch and tar.
- Dec. 12. 82. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Six Straits ships, 4 being from Deal. Smyrna, have arrived; also 10 Yarmouth ships, laden with herrings.

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Deal.

83. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Pembroke has sailed with 36 merchant ships outward bound. The four Smyrna ships remain in the Downs, and other merchant ships are coming from London. Has shown to the commander-in-chief and two captains the order to stop all merchant ships not having the Duke's pass. All the talk is of peace with Holland and war with France.

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84. Examination of Thos. Verbecq, merchant. Two Frenchmen, Fourdin of Paris and Choisin of Calais, were recommended to him, and had letters of credit upon him. They have gone to Ireland to Choisin's brother. They stayed eight or ten days in London. Asked M. Augier for a passport for them, but he said it was not necessary; has none of their papers, nor any letters for them. Another poor fellow, a cooper, came to him, having bought 3,000*l.* worth of fish at Yarmouth. Has not given asylum to other Frenchmen. Coureur was recommended to him by Claude Pollard, merchant of Paris; gave him 30*l.* and a letter of change for 300*l.* in Dublin. Only knows him as brother-in-law of Choisin. Has given him no papers, and spoke to him of no Paris news, except the taxes laid there. Knows not Balthasar Kiel, nor d'Orainville; Merinville who is here, was with Prince Rupert; M. Parent, who dined at his house with these men, did not seem to know them. [*French, 2½ pages.*]

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85. Examinations of Pierre Fourdin, of Calais, employed by M. Dusault, merchant in Ostend. Came over in a vessel that brought the body of Lord Fanshaw from Spain. Was in London three weeks, furnished with money by Verbecq, merchant near Leadenhall Street. Was to go to Kinsale to Mr. Choisin, merchant there, for accounts of beef, tallow, hides, &c. Also,

Examination of Simon Choisin, of Sigonia, Spain. Has been three or four weeks in England; is clerk to the secretary of the Ostend Company. Has no business but to his brother Choisin in Kinsale. Has not been in Ireland before.

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86. Note of Pierre Fourdin of Calais, Simon Choisin of Paris, and John Coureur of St. Omer, embarking from Nieuport for Margate, their business being to buy beef in Ireland to send to the Barbadoes. John Choisin has lived five years in Kinsale. They relied on the proclamation for encouraging strangers, and had not passes; they are acquainted with M. Parent. [*1½ pages.*]

Dec. 13.
Aldborough.

87. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Last week 150 laden colliers sailed southward without convoy. Several herring vessels have sailed for Spain, and more are preparing. There will be 800 young able seamen in that fleet. Fears mischief from Ostenders sailing direct for Holland and back. One Ostend vessel brought some English merchants from Leghorn, and left a man in the town in ill-health and a Roman Catholic. Is ordered by Sir Wm. Doyley to look after the accounts of Mr. Waynfleet of Southwold deputy to the prize officer, deceased. Begs to have his place.

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Dover.

88. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Fears Sir Phil. Frowde's displeasure in what he is going to write, but is groaning under a heavy burden. The winds detain the mails from Calais and Nieuport, and there is not a vessel that can take out the dispatches which came on Tuesday; none will serve but at extraordinary rates, for fear of being plundered by the enemy, as his vessels often are. *Inserting,*

88. I. *Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Phil. Frowde. Complains of his nephew Jemmett being allowed to receive the earnings of the writer's boats made by passengers, which he does in a vaunting manner, and keeps it to his own use, while the boats want supplies, and he refers the seamen to the writer for their wages. His vessels run great risks; is often unpaid for 24 weeks or more, and having had the benefit of the passage taken away, must give up the service, which costs 20l. a week, unless his grievances are redressed. Hears also that on return of a vessel from Nieuport, his ketch, which cost 140l. to prepare, is to be put out of the Flanders employment. Begs pay for his seamen. Stayed at Dover at hazard of his life and that of his family, who would not leave without him, to attend to the service, when all had quitted the town. [2½ pages.]*

Dec. 13.
Harwich.

89. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Lord Brouncker has gone in the Harwich pleasure boat for London, having surveyed all the navy and victualling stores. Ships pass daily without convoys.

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Swansea.

90. Jo. Man to Williamson. The Endeavour of Boston, New England, was cast on shore at Caldy Island, near Tenby, and there being but one house on the island, the persons were too few to preserve the goods, sugar and tobacco, of which little is saved but what came ashore by the violence of the waves.

Dec. 13.
Truro.

91. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Since the routing of the Scots, there is a great change in the countenance of most people. The coast is troubled with French pickeroons, which have chased several vessels on shore, but taken none.

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Bridgewater.

92. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. The sheriff and deputy lieutenants met yesterday about the proclamation against Papists.

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Portsmouth.

93. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Eagle, one of the Western squadron, has come in to be refitted, and the Jersey, in her stead, convoys the New England and Virginia ships to the Downs. The plague has broken out in a house formerly infected, but where none had died of it for several weeks.

Dec. 13.
Margate.

94. John Smith to Williamson. The Smyrna ships have come home safe, but the seamen very discontent for want of pay. Is still put off from one to another about his charge in looking after the sick and wounded seamen. Esquire Evelyn says that Mr. Bullock and Mr. Talbor have received the money to pay him, but such clerks

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do mischief in slighting their betters, and giving trouble in waiting on them so often. A small man-of-war has forced two vessels ashore.

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Edinburgh.

95. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Capt. Neilson, Alex. Robertson, and others are sentenced, but Hugh Mackell and others were too ill of their wounds to appear in court, and John Lindsay's case is postponed, as he has been mad for 10 years, till the return of the Lord Commissioner. The prisons in the whole country are full of them, and Barbadoes will be well planted next year. Their declaration has been found, and is a most wicked one against episcopacy.

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96. Affidavit of Sam. Barnard, taken before C. Spelman, that the several constats relating to the excise specified, which are wanting, were all burnt in the late fire of London, being 80 tallies, to the value of 136,424*l.* 2*s.*, dated from 24 April 1663 to 16 May 1666.

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Whitehall.

97. [H. Muddiman] to George Powell, of Pembroke. News letter. One of the Virginia fleet, laden with sugar, tobacco, &c., was wrecked near Plymouth fort, the goods lost, but the men saved. Several colliers on the east coast have been damaged by being run ashore. There have been such gluts of rain at Leghorn that the lands are overflowed and the corn spoiled. On All Saints day, a man of good fashion went into one of the chief churches of Rome, opposed the minister, and flung down the cross and the Madonna; he fled, but is taken. The House of Commons has committed the Landlord and Tenant Bill; they first added a proviso to the Poll Bill, ordering a committee to examine on oath the accounts of the royal aid and other moneys granted for the Dutch war, but afterwards made this proviso into a separate bill. They have received the sacrament at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and an account is to be taken of those who received it. They passed Mr. Roberts' bill and sent it to the Lords, where it was read. The King, on representation of Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, has consented that no more ships shall be allowed to go to the Straits or foreign plantations, though on security, lest contrary winds should detain them, as they carry away so many men that the fleet might want them in the spring. The Commons have appointed 24 members, to whom the Lords may add as many, to examine receivers on oath. The Commissioner of Scotland, with some of the Council, has gone to try the rebels; the resolution is to hang all ministers and officers, and one in ten of the common people; of the rest, one in ten is to be forced to confession, and the others sent to the plantations. On Tuesday Lord Lauderdale's daughter married the Earl of Tweeddale's eldest son. The Spanish ambassador boasts of great losses inflicted on the Portuguese, much more than the French speak of. No further tidings is heard of Lord Willoughby, and a patent is drawing for his brother, Col. Willoughby, to succeed him. The Hull fleet has arrived safely; but most of the Newcastle fleet are beaten back by contrary winds. The whole Exchange was not a little

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joyed at the arrival of the Smyrna fleet, whose cargo is valued at 700,000*l.*; a vessel laden with galls worth 1,000*l.* from Leghorn, set out with them, but being a heavy sailer, was left behind. The bill for sealed papers is read; the estimated value is 200,325*l.* The Lords sent word that they cannot progress with the Canary Company's bill, because they have only the Commons' votes, but not the reasons; so a committee is appointed to give the reasons. [3 pages.]

Dec. 13.
Dover.

98. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The captain of the Drake sent for a new cable; refused to fit him without orders from Sir W. Coventry, or the Navy Officers. The imprest bill granted in July last is not paid; is threatened to have it sent back, which is a very great discouragement to those in the port and inconvenience to himself. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 13.
Portsmouth.

99. James Pugh to Thos. Hayter. Has not paid the yard for want of money. Mr. Maddocks' order was to pay the smaller sums, and leave the larger to Mr. Tippetts, when he can get money in the country. This the men utterly refuse, saying they are very necessitous, and unless they receive their full three quarters, creditors will come upon them, imagining they have received it. Has but 8,000*l.*, and the yard comes to 15,000*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 13.
The
Bonadventure,
Nore.

100. Capt. W. Hamon to the Navy Comrs. Pilots for the northwards should be sent down for the Bristol frigate and Bonadventure, the masters being unwilling to take charge these winter times. Requests orders to be sent to Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 13.
Victualling
Office.

101. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Griffith Jones, late purser of the Turkey Merchant, has cleared his accounts for victualling between the 5th June and 3rd November, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

101. I. Robert Smyth to Sam. Pepys. The two persons named are sufficient security for Griffith Jones, purser of the Turkey Merchant, for 300*l.* April 27, 1666.

Dec. 14.

102. Account by John Tooker relative to the victualling of ships. The Tobias prize, of 200 tons, laden with spars, &c., arrived from Harwich, and two other prizes are reported. The sub-commissioners for prize goods will deliver the timber on board the Camel to order; should enter the ship and pay fees before the bulk is broken. Valuation of the prize masts. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Dec. 14.
Whitehall.

103. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Wonders they should write to him for money, when they know that he cannot pay it without his Royal Highness's warrant. The money now borrowed and paying is only for wages, to stop the clamour of the seamen. Is anxious for the clerks to make up the yard and sea books. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Dec. 14. 104. Capt. Edw. Cotterell to Sir Wm. Coventry. Capt. Bradford's ship has sprung a great leak, and he intends to sail for Portsmouth; will attend him and the others thither. [*Adm. Paper.*]
The Delft,
Downs.
- Dec. 14. 105. Duke of Albemarle to Sir John Mennes. Sends a petition of Richard Glover. Desires them to examine the business, and if he is wronged, see him righted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
Cockpit.
105. I. *Petition of Richard Glover to the Duke of Albemarle. Served in the Portland frigate two years; was discharged by order of his Grace 23rd Nov., and had his ticket given him for 17 months' pay, but at the Navy Office, the clerks altered it, and cut off five months. Prays an order to receive his full pay.*
- Dec. 14. 106. Request by Lionel Fanshaw, for Lord Arlington's recommendation to the office of Surveyor at the Custom House, London, in place of Wm. Dickenson, who is either dead or past recovery.
- Dec. 14. Warrant for committing Jean Baptiste Coureur to the Tower, for dangerous practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 299.*]
- Dec. 14. 107. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There is a report of a Barbadoes ship cast ashore at Wormeshead [Ormeshead].
Pembroke.
- Dec. 14. 108. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Dec. 14. 109. D. 'G[rosse] to Williamson. Four frigates have come in, convoying 14 merchant ships from London. The Adventure and Forester being repaired and ready for sea, hopes the coasts will be cleared of the many capers that have lately infested them.
Plymouth.
- Dec. 14. 110. John Clarke to Williamson. It is supposed that the frigates and ships which have arrived are to wait for the Straits' fleet. They say that two frigates and four merchant ships have passed for Lisbon. The Mermaid, which has been cruising on the Irish coast, has come in.
Plymouth.
- Dec. 14. 111. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- Dec. 14. 112. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends the letters from the West, Bristol, Chester, and Yarmouth. The North mail has not come in.
London.
- Dec. 14. 113. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Hamburg fleet, 10 or 11 sail with their three convoys, has come in, bringing also two Dutch dogger pinks laden with fish; 15 light colliers are in the roads.
Yarmouth.
- Dec. 14. 114. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Hears nothing from Scotland, so imagines all quiet. The wind being fair, the seamen are going down in hopes to sail. Knows not what the man-of-war will do; she has received letters from above last post.
Newcastle.

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Hull.

115. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Two Hull vessels of the Hamburg fleet have come in, and the rest sailed by; nothing is heard of the Gottenburg fleet. Hopes the Hull fleet is well in London. Asks assistance with Lord Arlington to obtain his house rent, for which Col. Gilby is applying.

Dec. 14.
Egglestone.

116. Christ. Sanderson to Williamson. The intelligencer has lighted on Pooley and Foxey, sent from Bohemia, as they say, by their leader Tillam, to tell all of the favours they receive from the Palsgrave there, who has assigned them a pleasant part of the country, and whom they hope to bring over to their religion. They have been ranging the country since June, trying to persuade men to repair into the Palatinate, and telling them they must leave this kingdom, whose sins are so great that the Lord will destroy it. They hope to restore the kingdom of Christ, but can do nothing while thus dispersed. They are very jealous of giving copies of their covenant [to any but such as subscribe it. There is no design in England at present. Asks whether Pooley and Foxey, who will go into Yorkshire in 14 days, are to be apprehended. Hopes 60*l.* is paid, as promised, to his son Philip, for the informer. Encloses,

116. I. "*The solemn Covenant*" to renounce all powers and rulers contrary to Christ and his government, cast off their coin, and separate from all relations linked to anti-Christian religion. To obey all God's laws, especially those relating to the Sabbath and to marriage, and never to intermarry with strangers. To devote themselves wholly to God, and try to find a place where they may become a distinct people. To the renewal of this covenant, the 14th of the first month, explanations are to be made as to the meaning of each sentence; e.g., the powers renounced are those of persecutors of Christ's kingdom; but God's laws, if practised by them, are not to be renounced; no ruler not in communion with themselves is to be allowed of. Coins which have images or superscriptions contrary to God's word are to be cast away, &c. [2 pages.]

116. II. Copy of the above, noting the names as Chris. Pooley and Mr. Foxey. [Damaged.]

Dec. 15.

117. J. Dorislaus to James Hikes. Hopes another way may be found to send his packet, or Sec. Morice will have no benefit by the express; dispatched the business at once on receipt of his letters, but the express was gone before the letters arrived.

Dec. 15.
Bristol.

118. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Most of the Plantation ships, 30 vessels, sailed three days since. As the Golden Lion was unable to sail through neglect, sent the packet for Virginia to the Elizabeth, which is gone. Will inform Lord Arlington of anything worth notice in the city or neighbourhood. Encloses,

118. I. Receipt by John Weaver, commander of the Elizabeth, from Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, of two packets of letters on the King's business, for Sir Wm. Berkeley,

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governor of Virginia, and Col. Rich. Nicholls, commissioner for visiting the colonies in New England, and promise to deliver the same faithfully, or in case of meeting with an enemy, to throw them overboard. Endorsed "Duplicate to the Plantations."

Dec. 15. 119. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Dec. [15?] 120. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Swedish vessel in the
Aldborough. roads reports that the Gottenburg fleet got well there, and in going took five Dutch privateers and one Danish man-of-war, and with a good wind may be expected back in five or six days. Would be glad to take Mr. Wainfleet's place as deputy for prizes in Southwold; is often there, being ordered by Sir Wm. Doyley to carry on the business of the sick and wounded there.

Dec. 15. 121. Sir Jo. Reresby to Williamson. Thanks for civilities. Will
Thribergh, near be happy to attend to Lord Arlington's commands in that country.
Doncaster. Wishes to have the weekly account, and any extraordinary news that may not be fit to be inserted there.

Dec. 15. 122. Account of a very sudden light seen on Tuesday, 9 p.m., as
Chester. bright as the sun in his splendour, but not continuing long; it was "like a bodie of fire which had a going motion." A fire happened on Wednesday at the Star, by the carelessness of the ostler, but was soon put out. Noted [by Williamson] Sir Thos. Prestwich.

Dec. 15. 123. John Bower to Jas. Hickes. The Hamburg fleet arrived
Bridlington. and sailed again; the winds are fair for the Gottenburg fleet.

Dec. 15. 124. Jo. Man to Jas. Hickes. Is on his way to Pembroke; all
Swansea. is in health and quietness.

Dec. 15. 125. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Flying Hound, built by
Harwich. the Shoemakers' Company of Amsterdam, taken prize by Capt. Goodlad two or three weeks since, is going out as a privateer, well manned, with 22 guns. Capt. Kempthorne in the Richmond has come in, having lost his convoy in the storm.

Dec. 15. 126. Jo. Pocock to James Hickes. On the 11th 30 guns were
Weymouth. heard to the south-east, but no ship seen; 13 vessels have passed westward, supposed to be the outward-bound fleet.

Dec. 15. 127. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. A fleet of 21 merchant ships
Bristol. has sailed for America and the West Indies, without much fear of enemies, the storms having been so violent. Many ships which should have sailed with them were so disabled by the last storm that they are not ready, but hope to go soon.

Dec. 15. 128. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Hamburg fleet has just
6 P.M., arrived, 12 ships with two convoys, the Success and Falcon, and a
Aldborough. fisher vessel which they took in their way. Capt. Ball, of the Success, reports that he was very well treated by the lords of

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Hamburg, and they warned him of a fleet of 30 Dutch men-of-war that lay in wait for him; he must have fallen among them had he not steered more northerly than usual, even to the very coasts of Scotland. He thinks the ships are of very great value, and much is upon the King's account.

Dec. 15.
Lyme.

129. Anth. Thorold to James Hikes. It was reported that several fireballs and other instruments of burning were found in the house of a quondam alderman of Bristol, who could not abjure the covenant, on which the city gates were shut up, and seven or eight persons designing to fire the place were apprehended.

Dec. 15.
West Cowes.

130. John Lysle to Williamson. The Sweepstakes has sailed for Lisbon, with Lord Bishop Russell and Sir Peter Wyche; also the Little Victory for Plymouth, to convoy the Straits' men and Londoners, so often forced in by storms; seven ships have arrived, some laden with red herrings for the Straits, Barbadoes, &c., and want a convoy to the North Cape.

Dec. 15.
Edinburgh.

131. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Alex. Robertson and others were hanged and their heads cut off, but the Council excused the dismembering. The Lord Commissioner, with the Earl of Athol, Lord Chief Justice of Scotland, and others are at Glasgow, and have empannelled a jury. All is quiet in Edinburgh, but the children walk about in crowds, mustering with drums, batons, and little pikes, up and down the streets. There is a great howling of dogs night and day, which some think a bad omen.

Dec. 15.

132. [Wm. Wardour] to Lord Ashley. States the sums received for hearth-money from 44 towns and counties named, between 25th March and 15th December 1666; total, 73,158*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* [2½ pages.]

Dec. 15.

133. Second examination of Jean Baptiste Coureur. At Dunkirk spoke to several persons, but not to the lieutenant governor; is a native of Antwerp; stayed three days at Calais, and spoke to two persons. [*French.*]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

The King to Lord Treas. Southampton. He is to observe inviolably the settlement of the London excise, one half for payment of the Guards and the other for the expenses of the household, and to send an order to Sir Rob. Long that the said moneys be not otherwise disposed of, Wm. Ashburnham, the cofferer, having complained of an interruption of the said assignment. [*Ent. Book 14, pp. 105b, 106.*]

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134. Memoranda of messages, addresses, &c., sent to or made by the King in the Houses of Parliament, from 9th October 1665 to 15th December 1666. [1½ pages.]

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Message from the King to the Houses of Parliament, that they are to continue sitting, except for the chief festival days of Christmas, the supplies not being perfected, and the necessary dispatch of affairs for spring requiring speedy supply. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 299.*]

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Exeter.

135. P. Travedot to M. Parent, merchant of London. Will send him next week a list of sick French prisoners; during the last week has clothed 20, who were naked, and dying of the extreme cold; the clothes have only cost 13s. each, because they are warm under garments in which the prisoners can be at ease when they lie down; 37 are very ill, and will perish unless supplied with clothes, for it is extremely cold; begs that the remittance for their subsistence may be hastened. [*French.*] *Encloses,*

135. I. *List of 252 French prisoners, with the garments furnished to each.* [*French, 5 pages.*]

135. II. *List of 50 who are dead, most of them being dressed and shod, and note that there are 56 dead in all. Endorsed with a note from Pierre Pelison, one of the prisoners, begging for an "odechosse."* [*French.*]

Dec. 15.

136. Wm. Leving to Lord Arlington. Hopes Sir Roger Langley has reported his business; though he did not take Blood, nor Mene Tekel, yet met several acquaintances in Ireland, told the Duke of Ormond the account which they gave of affairs there, and would have stayed longer, at his grace's request, but found a person who was willing to do the like service; has brought the man with him; he is very fit to serve, and does not ask his indemnity until he has deserved it. The King needs not be at any further charges, these two can do the business, and Ensign Langley will assist with soldiers.

Dec. 15.

Papers relating to the Sarah of London, [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

137. Certificate by Matthew Hayden to the Navy Comrs., that the Sarah, John Nutt commander, began to load 8 May 1665. With note [by Pepys] that from 8 May to 17 Nov. is 6 months 10 days, which, at 27*l.* 10*s.* a month, amounts to 174*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* May 18, 1665.

138. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Charity, relict and executrix of John Nutt, has cleared her husband's account at his office. With note that her last lading for the fleet was 25th September 1666.

Victualling Office, Nov. 22, 1666.

139. Debtor and creditor account of John Nutt, with reference to victualling, &c., of the Sarah. Endorsed "For the widow to keep."

140. Certificate by John Tooker, that on 24 Sept. 1665, he dismissed the Sarah, commanded by John Nutt, and on 16 Nov. found her in the river, wearing the King's colours, and was informed that she had been employed anew by the victualler; but found on enquiring that Mr. Lewis did not know but that she was still under contract. Dec. 11, 1666.

141. Certificate by James Hayden, of Redrith, Surrey, that he built the Sarah of London, John Nutt commander, about three years since, and that she was 48 ft. by 17.

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- Dec. 15. 142. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. The
Ipswich. Cygnet from Yarmouth is unloading bay salt in the port. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 15. 143. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. Ninety-two tons of iron-bound water casks were consigned to every ship victualled and to be victualled in the river, but Capts. Utbert and Robinson ordered the master to deliver them otherwise than was intended, and so left some ships wholly unprovided; therefore there is a complaint for want of them, though the victualler has sent the ordinary allowance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 15. 144. Capt. Arthur Laugharne to Sir W. Coventry. Cannot sail
The Colchester, for want of provisions from Margate, which are hourly expected.
Downs.
- Dec. 15. 145. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Two prizes have ar-
Edinburgh. rived, one laden with cables, cordage, &c., the other of 350 or 400 tons, with timber, deals, tar, and knapholt, which ought to be sold. If they follow his advice they may have them at the cheapest rate, and the credit of the Navy Office be maintained in Scotland, without charging the Scotch exchequer. Will obtain 1,000*l.*, 2,000*l.*, or 3,000*l.* from his London merchant correspondent, and no cheats shall come in, or he will not be worthy the name given to him by King Charles I., viz., Honest Strachan. Hopes they have overhauled his papers as to the hemp; if he does not vindicate his own part, shall quit the service as a fool, but no cheat. Received 30*l.*, and has given a bill of exchange upon Sir George Carteret. Last night two expectant ministers were hanged and two others; there should have been six more, but being badly wounded, they were deferred for five days; the four died as the former written about: 18 more are now upon assize, and the Commissioner about the West is prosecuting executions, which puts the rebels to a great stand. Desires to be recommended to Lord Lauderdale, as by his lordship's recommendations to the Lords of the Session, the deceits practised while the writer was in the King's service were reduced, and he placed *in statu quo prius*, as in 1638. Doubts not he shall recover his due by just account before the Admiralty. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 15. 146. Affidavit by Edward Cooke and John White, that Edward
Navy Office. Lynes, late purser of the Elizabeth, said that 7*l.* 17*s.* which he has charged on Nicholas Humphrey, seaman, for clothes, was not for clothes, but for his periwig and other damages which the said Humphrey had done him. Sworn before Lord Brouncker and Sam. Pepys, 15 August 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 15. 147. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There have been 145 oxen and
Portsmouth. 186 hogs slaughtered this week. The York has her beer, and will be soon completed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 16. 1. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Asks for 100*l.* or 150*l.*
 Portsmouth. to clear the business in the New Forest. Is at constant charge in drawing timber and paying men to load the hoys. The timber is all at the water side, but money is due to the carters. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. 2. Capt. John Torpley, of the *Adventure*, to Sir John Mennes.
 Plymouth. Has not had a master by warrant since he has commanded the ship. The former master was sent into the *Henrietta*, but at Harwich, by consent of Comr. Taylor, took William Lovett, late of the *Garland*. Having had testimony of Lovett's ability, asks a warrant for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. 3. Mark Scott to Williamson. In Scotland the Whigs are dis-
 Berwick. persed, and not the face of an enemy appears. The town and garri-son are peaceable.

Dec. 16. 4. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. A Venetian ship that has
 Falmouth. carried currants to London has come to lade corn for Venice. The soldiers belonging to Pendennis have received 12 months' pay.

Dec. 16. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Francis*, a new frigate,
 Portsmouth. met off the French coast 16 or 18 outward bound Hamburgers. A day after she spied six sail of Frenchmen, and then four more cruising near the Isle of Wight, who chased her into the Needles. Some frigates should be sent to disperse these rogues, for the privateers always go alone to take prizes. Three died of the plague at Portsmouth last week, but none for many weeks before. Notices of ships.

Dec. 16. 6. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Hopes the wind will bring the
 Newcastle. Gottenburg fleet safe home. On Friday 250 stout men from Scotland quartered in the town, for a recruit of the Scotch regiment, formerly belonging to the King of France's guard.

Dec. 16. 7. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The *Smyrna* and *Virginia* fleets are
 Deal. weighing anchor. Has been busy taking care of a prize laden with pitch, tar, and copper, brought in by the *Richmond*. The seamen grumble much that they have to spend half their pay by waiting in London and bribing the clerks to get the other half; they speak very high.

Dec. 17. 8. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above.

Dec. 17. 9. Advices received, being similar notes, also news from Sweden,
 Holland, and Paris. [*2 pages.*]

Dec. 17. The King to [the University of Cambridge]. Requires them to
 admit Thomas Dockwray, vicar of Newburne, Northumberland, to the degree of Doctor in Divinity, without the customary exercises, in reward of faithful service as chaplain in the fleet, for which some ecclesiastical preferment is to be bestowed on him. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 108.*]

Dec. 17. 10. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Hugh Mackell and eight others
 Edinburgh. named are to be hanged, and also John Lindsay; it is reported that

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Wallace, Learmont, and many more are taken in Cautyre by the Earl of Argyle.

Dec. 17.

11. Sir P. M[usgrave] to Williamson. Has heard nothing more from Scotland. Mr. Sanderson has given an account of the new covenant among the Quakers; supposes he has instructions how to continue his discoveries among these mad people. Is going to Westmoreland to enquire of the consultations of the enemies to government that live in those rude dales. A prebendary of Carlisle died yesterday by a fall in his own house; the town clerk is also dead. Wm. Benson intends to petition the King for the place. Receives the news[paper] by express; supposes it is because the Thursday mail goes no further than Northallerton; those of Tuesday and Saturday come direct.

Dec. 17.
Truro.

12. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Several vessels have come to load corn there for Plymouth and Genoa.

Dec. 17.
Pendennis.

13. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Notices of vessels in harbour.

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London.

14. James Hicke to Williamson. Has not been out except to Ratcliffe to see his children; hopes to have them with him next week. Williamson's commands are always comforts and refreshments to him.

Dec. 17.
Durham.

15. Dr. Isaac Basire to Williamson. It is suspected by intercepted letters that some in Edinburgh correspond with the rebels. The hands of those lately executed are to be fastened up at Lanerick, where they lifted them up to take the covenant. Will steer his course as directed; has forewarned some sober persons of that party that the folly and insolence of some of their guides will enforce authority to check them. Is a son of peace.

Dec. 17.
Chester Castle.

16. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The mayor and recorder have fined a grocer in the town 100*l*. for obstinately refusing to renounce the covenant; all of his persuasion must be more strictly looked after.

Dec. 17.
West Cowes.

17. John Lysle to Williamson. Particulars of ships come in. The St. Nicholas of Hamburg, laden with deals, pretends they are on account of Peter Barr, of London; thinks they are rather bound for Rochelle; could do good service had he the power to act in such matters. [*1½ pages.*]

Dec. 17.
Aldborough.

18. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Expects the Gottenburg fleet hourly. Hopes to be settled at Southwold himself, and have an assistant at Aldborough, who will give a true account of all that passes.

Dec. 17.
Norwich.

19. Robt. Scrivener to James Hicke. Hopes this week's bill [of mortality] will be less than the last.

Dec. 17.
Weymouth.

20. John Pocock to James Hicke. Knows not what the guns are which were heard off Weymouth.

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Dec. 17. "Papers touching the time that the Deptford shipwrights wrought," [*Adm. Papers, damaged*], viz.:—

21. Matt. Hanch to the Navy Comrs. Was only ordered by Sir W. Penn to take notice of the time the Deptford shipwrights worked ashore, which was $4\frac{1}{2}$ days per week, and not of the time they were afloat; the case is the same with those at Chatham and Woolwich, and is allowed on the books at Chatham, by warrant of Comr. Pett.

Sheerness, Dec. 4, 1666.

22. Certificate by Sam. Walsall, that the Deptford shipwrights who worked at Sheerness in June 1666 had not their full time upon the ticket; that they were at work upon masts and yards, and what remained of the time they were afloat examining the several ships riding in the Swale. Dec. 17, 1666.

23. Certificate by Wm. Sheldon that the shipwrights and calkers who were sent from Woolwich to Sheerness, and employed to repair the ships there, were allowed for each day and night a day, a night, and a tide. Dec. 17, 1666.

Dec. 17. 24. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Cannot obey his commands touching the vessel that carried the Norwich provisions. Knows of no way in so short a time to get the brandy, flour, &c., nor how to get the vessel from Margate, unless he will order the storekeeper at Chatham to lend a cable and anchor. The frigate might be ordered into Margate Road to take in the victuals. Is dispatching the Tangiers' ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18.
Edinburgh.

25. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. All he has in the way of riches in this world is his honesty. Shall not exceed orders. James Kenier of London is the person who advances money and agrees as to the bills of exchange; they are to deal with him as with himself. Loves to see the King's service flourish. Found at Leith two sorts of coals; the Clackmannan coals are the best, and 2 cwt. lighter than the Allaway; the first is 6s. 10d., English, the second 6s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Asks if the King would burn these coals in his household. If they agree to the bargain for the timber, desires an order to freight a ship to go on her own adventure to the place of lading, and, when loaded, some of the convoys lying before Tynemouth should bring her away. Nine Whigs are condemned to suffer this week. Only one Archangel ship is taken; 100,000 lbs. weight of hemp is unloaded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18.
Plymouth.

26. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Almost all that was landed from the Mermaid hoy has been made use of upon the ships. It troubles him that he should be so traduced, on false information, particularly as he has the Tangiers' business before the Commissioners. Prays that he will better inform their lordships. The Prize Comrs. have ordered the sale of the whale-oil ships and six others on 12th January. The ship Notre Dame de Carmis might be made fit for a fire-ship. Requests an order for part of the

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money towards his disbursements on the Navy. [Adm. Paper.]
Encloses,

26. 1. *The principal Comrs. for Prizes to the Comrs. for Prizes at the port of Plymouth. By order of 6 August last, they were to deliver to the Officers of the Navy the loading of the ship Pearl and Mermaid of Amsterdam, for the use of the Navy, and to give them the use of the ships for delivery of the loading at Portsmouth Dock; the ships were then to be returned to the Commissioners for Prizes at Southampton and Cowes, but the Mermaid is come into the Port of London, being first unladen at Plymouth of the said commodities, and having taken in other goods, and only a part of the goods so unladen were put on board the Pearl. Therefore desire them, according to an order of the High Court of Admiralty for sale of the said ship and goods, to sell the residue of the stores of the Mermaid not put on board the Pearl, it being far from their intention that any ship or goods shall be disposed of by the Navy Comrs.' agents in any way inconsistent with the desires of the Navy Comrs.; they cannot take it well that the Mermaid was unladen and brought into that port contrary to instructions.*
[Copy.] Whitehall, Dec. 8, 1666.

Dec. 18.
Plymouth.

27. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. Presumes they have heard from Court of the great complaint concerning the Mermaid hoy. Had their order to send her to London, but unknown she was begged of the King, and now the complaints have come to such heights that the Prize Comrs. at Plymouth are ordered to seize and sell tar, deals, &c., landed into the stores, and since spent on the ships, which, with the false allegations against him, trouble him much. All would signify nothing if their lordships were better informed. Desires them to appear for him to justify acts done by their order, or he may suffer in the concern of victualling the garrison of Tangiers, now before the Commissioners.
[Adm. Paper.]

Dec. 18.
Plymouth.

28. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Five ships named have gone with 56 sail, bound for Barbadoes and Virginia, and New England. The Victory is left to attend the convoy of the Straits ships, and the Martin those for the Downs. The Mermaid from Ireland is victualling to return to the rear admiral in the Soundings. There is no order from Mr. Gauden to the victualler for harbour provisions, which is a great obstruction to the dispatch of ships.
[Adm. Paper.]

Dec. 18.
The Roe,
Harwich.

29. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Complains that his surgeon has not joined him. Is sent by Capt. Hamon for two pilots for the Bonaventure and Bristol, and to complete the number of men required by himself and Capt. Hamon. [Adm. Paper.]

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Hull.

30. Dr. Jo. Troutbeck to Lord Arlington. Had the place of King's chief surgeon granted him six years ago, in lieu of 2,000*l.* then taken from him; has spent 2,000*l.* more in soliciting for it; the place of surgeon general, worth 500*l.* a year, has been disposed of to another, yet has cheerfully served His Majesty, both in his preservation and restoration. Begs 200*l.* a year for a term of years, or 400*l.* a year for life.

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The King to Lord Colepepper. Is satisfied with his care and vigilance as captain and governor of the Isle of Wight. Thinks in this conjuncture of affairs, the island being exposed to dangers from abroad, the country should contribute to their own safety by fortifying Yarmouth and other places there, a service which will be well accepted by him. Is pleased to find the dragoons of the island exemplarily useful therein, and wishes him to assure them that he will remember it to their advantage afterwards. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 214.*]

Dec. 18.
Lambeth.

31. Math. Paleing to Viscount Conway. Particulars of horses bought for him; one has the Tangiers distemper; brought one to Mr. Maynard at Lisbon.

Dec. 18.
London.

32. Lord Conway to Wm. Milward. Private business.

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33. Thos. Agar to Williamson. States the mode in which Lord Holles' commission for prizes was drawn up, that one may be prepared in the same way for the Earl of Anglesea. *Annexing,*

33. 1. *Commission appointing the Lord Privy Seal, Dukes of Buckingham, Albemarle, and Ormond, Earls of Manchester, St. Alban's, Sandwich, Bath, and Lauderdale, Lords Arlington, Berkeley of Stratton, Holles, and Ashley, Sir George Carteret, and Sir Wm. Morice, commissioners of appeal in all matters relative to prizes. With note that this is the same as the previous commission, with addition of Lord Holles' name. [3 pages.]*

Dec. 18.
Plymouth.

34. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Notice of ships sailing or in port.

Dec. 18.
Plymouth.

35. John Clarke to James Hicke. Departure of six frigates, conveying 50 or 60 sail of merchantmen outward bound, as far as the Soundings; two frigates still remain.

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36. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Dec. 18.
Plymouth fort.

37. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy have been offered to Plymouth garrison, and not a man scrupled to take them; they will receive the sacrament before Christmas. Departure of vessels. There are in port 12 ships bound for Spain; two are worth 40,000*l.*; four belong to Sir John Frederic and his partners, but they dare not go without convoy.

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- Dec. 18. 38. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.
- Dec. 18. 39. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Dec. 18. 40. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The north wind keeps the
Newcastle. laden colliers still in harbour.
- Dec. 18. 41. Dr. Thos. Fuller to Williamson. Finds the air too sharp for
Naneby. him, and must come southward in the spring, though sorry to quit a
good house. Begs interest to obtain him some small place.
- Dec. 18. 42. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Notices of ships passing or
Portsmouth. in port.
- Dec. 18. 43. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The 10 Hamburg ships with
Harwich. their convoys have passed by. The captain of the Success, Naphtali
Ball, reports that being ordered commander of the convoy up the
Elbe, he went to within half shot of the Danish town of Gluckstadt,
but not a shot was fired; some of the Hamburg fleet had gone
before his arrival. A Rotterdamer has brought in prisoners of war
from Holland. The lords of Hamburg warned Capt. Ball that 16
Holland ships were sent to intercept them.
- Dec. 18. 44. Daniel Gahan to Rob. Leigh, at Lord Arlington's. The
Chester. gentlemen whom Sir Phil. Howard sent after the Frenchmen say
they apprehended them on shipboard with Capt. Glover, and took
their papers. One belongs to the secretary of the French East
India fleet, the other pretends to be a merchant going to his brother
at Kinsale. Verbecq's letter to Louis Disminier was to furnish them
with whatever money they called for. Thinks Baker, the postmaster,
opened the writer's packet; he is generally complained of by the
governor and others. Requests him to open letters sent for the
writer by his brother Warburton. Matthew Anderton will accept
a constant correspondence, and is the fittest for the post employ-
ment in Chester. Baker is a dangerous person, and opens any letter
that he has a mind. Will write further from Ireland. Capt. Glover
will carry the Frenchmen to Lord Ormond. The gentlemen who
took them are gone to London, with all the papers they could find.
May find some papers in the saddles, when he reaches Ireland. The
Frenchmen had a formal good pass, under Sir Phil. Howard's hand
and seal, which they made use of before the Mayor of Chester.
[2 pages.] *Annexing.*
44. I. *M. Verbecq to Louis Desminier, alderman of Dublin.
Recommends to him M. Coureur, who is going thence to
Kinsale, and begs him to furnish him with 300l. on ac-
count, in case of need. [French.] London, Nov. 8, 1666.*
44. II. *G. Prevost to John Lawson, Red Lion Court, London.
Hopes to learn that he has been preserved in the burning
of London. Commends Simon Choisin, who is going to
see his brother at Kinsale. Has forgotten his English.
Rouen, Nov. 20, 1666.*

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44. III. *Memoranda by Debonnaire de Revellois to Monsieur Dorainville, relative to the purchase of knives and gloves in London. [French.]* Nov. 24, 1666.

44. IV. *Daniel Gahan to Walter York, postmaster at Barnet. Recommends M. Choisin, bound for Ireland, to the postmasters on the road to Chester, to furnish him with post horses, he paying the usual rates.*

Whitehall, Nov. 30, 1666.

44. V. *Simon Choisin to ———. Received Coureur's letter before leaving London. Runs great risks in travelling in a country where his nation is utterly hated. Travelled 70 leagues from London to a seaport, and was taken before the governor of the town; called himself a Spaniard, and as happily no one in the town could speak Spanish, was let go; embarked for [Ireland], when such a wind arose that after three days' horrible tempest, they were obliged to return to that miserable village [Holyhead], where they wait a wind. Are only 60 miles from the capital city of [Ireland], but it is 60 more by land to where Gaudon is. Colbert is in no danger of illness through the air. The people there are wild, and do not speak the language of the country, but one like low Breton; there are only 12 houses, on sea-beaten rocks. Dispatch of letters. Letters must be sent for him addressed to Kinsale, under cover to Peter Barr of London, or at the Company's office in Rouen. Has had to leave without Polart's son, having waited for him in London in vain. Endorsed "Papers taken upon the two Frenchmen stopped going into Ireland; delivered by Sir P. Howard, Dec. 21, 1666." [2 pages, French.]*

Holyhead, Dec. 10, 1666.

44. VI. *Key to a cypher used in the preceding letter.*

Dec. 18. Grant to Sir Roger Langley, in reversion after Barth. Beale or John Wood, of the office of Auditor in the Exchequer. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 300.*]

Dec. 18. Privy seal for 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for victuals for 35,000 men to be employed at sea for a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 300.*]

Dec. 18. Warrant for a baronetcy to Carr Scroope, of Cockerington, Lincolnshire. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 301.*]

Dec. 18. Order that the prize Tulip of Amsterdam, which has been ordered to be divided among the flag officers of the late fleet, be distributed to them in the proportion of their several pay, and that the captain of the general's ship be included in the division. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 304-5.*]

[Dec. 18.] 45. Draft of the above.

Dec. 18. Warrant to the Officers of Customs to permit the unlading in the port of London of the ship St. Peter of Tuninghen, wherein Peter

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- Dec. 19. Commission for Elie Le Monte to be ensign to Sir Thos. Morgan's company in Jersey. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 137a.*]
- Dec. 19. Warrant to Mr. Agar for the Earl of Anglesey to be added to the Commissioners for Appeals. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 306.*]
- Dec. 19. Pass for six geldings into Flanders, for Sir Mark Ognate. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, 307.*]
- Dec. 19. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to renew the commission, appointing Sir Rich. Mauleverer, Bart., and 20 others commissioners for licensing and regulating hackney coaches. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 307.*]
- Dec. ? 46. List of 16 [previous?] Commissioners for licensing and regulating hackney coaches, including seven names in the preceding list, noting some as dead, and some out of town, or not sitting.
- Dec. 19. Passport for a ship to the River Garonne to take on board 10 tons of French wine, given by the Duke of Verneuil for the use of His Majesty. [*Ent. Book 33, p. 308.*]
- Dec. 19. Pass for the ship Fig Tree into Portugal, laden with wheat. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 308.*]
- Dec. 19. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] for the delivery of the ship St. Jan, laden with pan-tiles. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 308.*]
- Dec. 19. Warrant for congé d'élire to the Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph, and a letter recommending Dr. Henry Glenham, Dean of Bristol, for that see. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 308.*]
- Dec. 19. Order to the Commissioners of Prizes, granting the petition of Capt. Godfrey for all the goods between decks in two prize ships, taken by him. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 232.*]
- Dec. 19. Reference to the Lord General and other Commissioners for alterations in the Tower, on the petition of Sir John Robinson, representing the inconveniences of the alterations about Coldharbour, in not leaving room for the soldiers and prisoners. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 232.*]
- Dec. 19. Reference to Lord Chief Justice Bridgeman of the petition of Ralph Smith, coiner, for pardon, he pretending to make discovery of several coiners. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 233.*]

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Dec. 19. Deal. 47. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A French man-of-war and two merchant ships have been lost off the Goodwin, and not one man saved; much of their timber is come on shore in the Isle of Thanet and Deal; 20 outward-bound ships in the Downs wait a fair wind.

Dec. 19. Yarmouth. 48. Rich. Bower to [Williamson]. The Roebuck has sailed with 20 light colliers. Offers to take the place of Williamson's correspondent at Southwold, who is dead.

Dec. 19. Pembroke. 49. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.

Dec. 19. 50. Fras Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Dec. 19. Norwich. 51. Thos. Corie to Williamson. Was called from London by the illness of his wife, but will return next term and pursue what he hinted to Lord Arlington, punctually obeying his commands. Begs that their bill of mortality may yet find room in the Gazette.

Dec. 19. 52. Rowland Vaughan to Williamson. Remonstrates against being published in the Gazette as having taken money belonging to Mr. Drew in Mr. Stokes' chamber. Explains money transactions between himself, Mr. Drew, and Sir Hen. Andrews, who lodges in Long Acre.

Dec. 19. Whitehall. 53. Order in Council, approving a draft of a proclamation concerning the collection of hearth-money, and ordering it to be prepared for the King's signature.

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Proclamation ordering the immediate payment to the King's officers of the arrears of hearth-money due to Michaelmas 1665, and of those due to Lady-day 1666 to the officers of the farmers of the said revenue; also ordering rigorous proceedings against those who conceal their hearths and make false returns, partly through the connivance of magistrates, ministers, churchwardens, &c. [*Proc. Coll., Charles II., No. 239. Printed.*]

[Dec. 19.] 54. Draft of the above.

Dec. 19. Rushton. 55. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Thanks for his and Lord Arlington's kindness, particularly in the business of Henningam Brewly. Asks whether he is to search for arms in the house of Lord Cardigan, he being a peer.

Dec. 19. Dover. 56. Nic. Oudart to Williamson. Not finding his wife there, nor meeting her in the company of Baron Isola, who passed by incognito, is going over in the packet that was beaten back to Nieuport to fetch her. Begs an order for her to return in the vessel which he presumes will be sent for Lord Carlingford. The Calais boat is driven in by bad weather. With postscript on the 20th, that the Flanders packet would not venture out; is waiting for his wife, and has written to her to come. The townsmen of Dover are returning to their houses, which they left in the plague; only one is dead of it the last 10 days; Canterbury, Sittingbourne, and Rochester are

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clear, but it has broken out fresh at Gravesend, to the great discomfort of those [parts, which much lament their loss of trade. [2 pages.]

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Falmouth.

57. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Has no news.

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Falmouth.

58. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter of Dec. 16.

Dec. 19.
Dover.

59. Jo. Carlisle to [Williamson]. Has reported to Mr. Dallett, of Rye, Williamson's displeasure with his neglect and carelessness. If he does not acknowledge his fault, will engage the postmaster there as correspondent. Three merchants from France say that the people there generally wish for peace, and the governor of Calais said he expected the Earl of St. Alban's to come as envoy from England. The French and Flanders packet boats have come back through cross winds.

Dec. 19.
Chester.

60. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Has questioned the divulgers of two lying stories, and though the authors cannot be found, the good effect will be wrought of stopping the current of such discourses, which might have exasperated some to the disturbance of the peace. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley and the officers and soldiers of the garrison took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy yesterday.

Dec. 19.
Gainsborough.

61. Willm. Hickman to Williamson. Is weary with his journey; will report anything that comes to his knowledge, and serve him either in his public or private affairs; has had great satisfaction in conversation with him.

Dec. 19.
Norwich.

62. Robt. Scrivener to James Hicke. No news in those parts.

Dec. 19.
Edwinstow.

63. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order on Mr. Corbin to pay him money out of the amount received for the offal timber made in the wood, so that the hoy loading with timber may be cleared. Went to Whitgate and found three pieces of timber in the river, and one at Whitten, which were brought to Burtonstader and made fast, until the hoy sails down to take them. Was three days there with a boat and four men.

Dec. 19.
Edward and Eve
ketch.

64. Capt. John Langley to Sir Wm. Green. Asks a bill of imprest for two months, for the sails of his ketch. With note by Thos. Edmondson of receipt of the same, being 52*l*.

Dec. 20.

65. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Would gladly discharge men from divers ships at Woolwich, if money would enable him. All he shall be able to procure by the holidays will be 5,000*l*. or 6,000*l*.; they must determine whether it shall be disposed of in payment of tickets or to the use they propose. Has money for only one day's payment of tickets next week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20.
Rye.

66. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Has rendered his best assistance in fitting the Happy Return and Joseph

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fire-ships when there, and in discharging the St. Andrew, and bringing her ashore. Has disbursed several sums of money therein, and some are yet due to the inhabitants for their labour, as will appear by 11 certificates attested by himself and the respective captains. Requests payment thereof to Phineas Cheston. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20.
Leghorn.

67. Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Comrs. Has had provisions for four months for 1,500 men lying by him since March last, and has only disposed of some thousand pounds of pork and a little flour; must sell the biscuit and fruit the first offer, but the rest would keep till a squadron passes that way, and they would yield no price proportionate to their cost, as no expense has been spared in procuring them. Desires an order to make good those sold, as biscuits take some time to bake, and flesh to salt. Hopes the frigates will meet with booty to defray the expense. Many Dutch and French are towards the Levant, and think themselves secure under other colours; the commander-in-chief should be all the stricter in his examinations. Two French men-of-war are in port, pretending for Malta to take up a patent against some Algerines, who, in regard of the peace with them, are turned Tripolines, and have done much mischief. Believes rather that they will hover about the port in expectation of English fish and other ships. Frigates should make as little noise as possible in coming that way. Asks if they will approve of the necessary expense of getting intelligence. Begs to be intrusted with the disposal of prize affairs, or other matters relating to the service. Sends prices of hemp, tar, cables, and other things. The peace between the French and Algerines is likely to be of short continuance, most Genoese and other ships carrying French colours, which the Algerines resent. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Dec. 20.

68. Examination of Thos. Osborn, of Westminster. A month ago, went to the house of Milburn the printer, with Lord Castlemaine, and at his lordship's entreaty, helped him to compare a written paper with one half printed, which he supposes was the Roman Catholics' Apology; did nothing in dispersing them, but saw several copies in Lord Castlemaine's hands; believes him to be the author, the copy being in his hand[writing]; saw him disperse some of them. Is not a Roman Catholic.

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69. Examination of Thos. Milburn and his wife. Thos. Osborn came several times to the printing house, with a person of quality of low stature; at first Osborn remained below, but once went upstairs with the gentleman, and stayed three or four hours, about a proof. Milburn saw the little gentleman first with one Scroop or Pugh; he brought the copy, and ordered and paid for the printing of "The English Catholics' Apology;" Mr. Osborn only read the proof with him. Knows not the author.

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,Licence for the ships Ann and Neptune to transport corn to Portugal, on security to return before 1st April next. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 108b.*]

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- [Dec. 20.] Licence for John Wood to transport 10 horses, value not more than 10*l.* each, to the Barbadoes. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, p. 108.]
- Dec. 20. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to Henry Brockwell, musician on the lute, in place of Lewis Evans deceased, 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* a year for life for his livery. [*Docquet.*]
- Dec. 20. Grant to Thos. Cass of the office of Master Carpenter in the Tower, void by death of John Scott; fee, 8*d.* a day. [*Docquet.*]
- Dec. 20. Grant to Jonadab Holloway of the office of Hand-gun maker to the Office of Ordnance in the Tower, in the room of George Fisher, deceased; fee, 1*s.* 4*d.* a day. [*Docquet.*]
- Dec. 20. 70. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All the officers and soldiers
Portsmouth. were mustered, and took the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy. A quarter's pay has been given in the dockyard, which much refreshed many poor men.
- Dec. 20. 71. Sir P. Honeywood to Williamson. Five French men-of-war,
Portsmouth. one a rear-admiral, are cruising between the French coast and the Isle of Wight. The plague is abated.
- Dec. 20. 72. Rich. Browne to Williamson. No ships have sailed since
Aldborough. Saturday; the Gottenburg fleet is hourly expected.
- Dec. 20. 73. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has sent a galliot hoy to labour
Harwich. the discovery of the Gottenburg ships, which are longingly expected, because of their lading of naval utensils. Capt. Ball reports that they got safe to Gottenburg, and it seems they have taken privateers and Danes. There are frost, snow, thaw, rain, and wind, in 24 hours. A Dutch vessel, which came for exchange of Dutch for English prisoners, sailed but put back, fearing the weather.
- Dec. 20. 74. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A Venetian vessel of 200 tons
Truro. has come to load wheat and barley for Lisbon. A squadron of ships is said to have passed westward, under command of Sir Robt. Holmes, but few believe it, because they have heard of no preparation for such a design.
- Dec. 20. 75. Robt. Mein to Williamson. The Earl of Argyle, with 500
Edinburgh. men, is searching in Kintyre for Wallace, the chief of the rebels, who had an estate there, but has only secured his son; four rebels were hanged yesterday at Glasgow; great intercession was made for a little delay for Mackell, Colgwen, and Lenox, because they are wounded, but no answer is yet given. Many deny the covenant which they took at Lanerick, and confess their actings were a bold and horrid rebellion. Preparations are making for the meeting of the estates, Jan. 9. The Earls of Linlithgow and Kelly, and many other noblemen and gentlemen, not only marched on foot all the

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way, but went on foot through rivers, above their middle, to encourage the soldiers.

Dec. 20. Recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of the petition of John
Whitehall. Barcroft, to be receiver-general of the poll-money for Middlesex, the King being satisfied with his faithful and industrious services. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 233.*]

Dec. 20. 76. Petition of Walter Vanbright, Kettledrum, to the King, for
Whitehall. an order to the Lord General for the full arrears of his pay, long delayed; Lord Hawley has not treated him well, having only mustered him as kettledrum seven months during two years, he having been at sea on His Majesty's special service, though no other kettledrum has been mustered. With order thereon to the Lord General, to see that the petitioner has satisfaction.

Dec. 20. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 234.*]

Dec. 20. 77. Petition of Rich Pyke, His Majesty's waterman, on behalf of
Whitehall. himself and 23 other watermen, to the King, for payment of his bill of 5s. per night for each of 12 wherries which he manned by order of Council, to row diligently on the Thames, on the nights of Sept. 7 and 8, to prevent the embezzlement of the goods of merchants and others, after the quenching of the late terrible fire. With order thereon to Sir Stephen Fox to examine and pay the bill.

Dec. 20. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 234.*]

Dec. [21.] 78. Articles of impeachment by the House of Commons against
John Viscount Mordaunt, constable of Windsor, accusing him of illegal and arbitrary conduct in twice imprisoning Wm. Tayleur, refusing to release him on writs of *habeas corpus*, and taking from him certain lodgings in the Castle, belonging to him as paymaster and surveyor, thereby forcing Tayleur to fly from Windsor, and hide himself till the meeting of Parliament. [*Six pages, printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. viii., pp. 666-7.*]

Dec. 21. 79. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There are now 30 outward bound
Deal. merchant ships in the Downs. Capt. Earle of Deal, returned from prison in Holland, says the Dutch are in worse condition than we are. Many seamen have left the King's service for the merchant ships. They say the paymaster and clerks make them spend and bribe one half of their money to get the other.

Dec. 21. 80. John Clarke to Williamson. Some ships have arrived, bound
Plymouth. for the Madeiras, under convoy of the Delft and Pembroke.

Dec. 21. 81. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Dec. 21. 82. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The coast is very free
Hull. of Holland vessels, and the country quiet; the general complaint is of the cheapness of all things. Is glad that the Gottenburg fleet has taken six privateers, and longs to hear of its safe arrival, and of that of the Hull fleet and other ships in the Thames.

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- Dec. 21. Newcastle. 83. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The reason why the laden colliers now there did not sail with the others was that, Nov. 30 being a post day, the man-of-war expecting letters refused to sail; the next day all sailed, but were driven back again, and have continued in harbour ever since; the wind is fair to-day, yet fears they will not sail, for the man-of-war is receiving provisions on board; wishes they had a convoy that understood the trade of the place; the life of it is in quick dispatch, and with care this winter, the country might have been well supplied with coals, and the town well provided. Sends a letter from a Newcastle master who came from North Bergen by Scotland, and was taken when the Orange frigate came convoy. *Encloses,*
83. I. J. R. to Rich. Forster. *The King of Denmark will not own to be at war with England, if he can help it. Left North Bergen on December 3; 12 men-of-war were sent from Holland to assist the Danes, but five were missing, the Admiral was lost off Norway, and one lost in Scotland. December 21, 1666.*
- Dec. 21. Yarmouth. 84. A. B[ower] to Williamson. A Yarmouth ship, feared to have perished by stress of weather, was run ashore near Boulogne, and lost only two men. Notice of ships passing or in harbour.
- Dec. 21. Plymouth. 85. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Pembroke and Delft arrived: the former is leaky, has ordered her repair; the latter is bound with a merchant ship for Madras; her commander complains too much of want of stores, seeing he had been only six or eight weeks from the King's yard. Is preparing the accounts of eight ships named, which will run high. Is as sparing in supply of stores as is possible. Desires an order for money. There is plenty of cash in the Prize Office, and an order has arrived for the sale of the whale oil, and another ship which would serve for a fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 22. Bristol Marsh. 86. Joseph Wray, overseer to Mr. Baylie's ship, to the Navy Comrs. Sends the state and condition of the ship building, which has gone on slowly, as owing to the wet weather, Mr. Baylie could not get in his timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 22. Anne yacht, Margate Road. 87. Capt. Wm. Fasby to the Navy Comrs. Asks for an order for a boat to be built, as his men have been in great danger for want of one. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 22. 88. Order by Ri. Kingdon and Henry Rumbold, Comrs. of Prizes for the port of London, for Francis Lister to receive of the Navy Comrs. a small dogger boat of 50 tons, brought in by the Revenge, pursuant to the order of the Duke of York. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Dec. 22. Portsmouth. 89. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There have been 143 oxen and 203 hogs slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Ipswich.

90. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victalling of ships. One of the Hamburg vessels belonging to Mr. Gauden has arrived, laden with pipe staves and clap boards, which began to be wanted. They continue killing oxen and hogs, but do not brew. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 22.

91. Thos. Beckford, slopseller, to the Navy Comrs. Replies to the complaints made for want of clothes. The Duke of York's order for him to receive money at the pay of every ship not being complied with, he is incapable of giving the fleet the supply which it otherwise might have had. Upwards of 1,000*l.* is still due to him upon the last pay, and unless he have a considerable sum speedily, shall be utterly ruined in credit. Is out of pocket 20,000*l.* and has bills for more than the moiety of it, signed by their honours. If encouraged, can supply the fleet as well as if 20 were concerned. Expecting to receive money at the pay of every ship, extended his credit to thousands of pounds, being ambitious of giving the fleet better supplies than before. Has sent 20 packets of clothes to Plymouth for the Western squadron, besides a sufficient supply at Deal and Portsmouth, and in a week shall have enough to give to the rest of the ships bound to sea [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 22.

Licences for the ships Tobias and the Concord, laden with flour, to go to Portugal, on security of returning before 20th March. Minutes. With note that the latter licence was cancelled and another given on security for their return with the ships of war. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 110*b*.*]

Dec. 22.

Pass for Jean de Fentis to France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 309.*]

Dec. 22.

Pass for Mrs. Vehon and her son into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23. p. 309.*]

Dec. 22.

Newcastle.

92. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The convoys are now sensible of their mistake, and will neglect no opportunity to sail. The people are ready for a foreign enemy, if they can only have a winter trade. Ten more of the rebels are to be executed in Scotland to-day; no others are to be found there, but the heads of them are gone for Ireland.

Dec. 22.

Bridlington.

93. John Bower to James Hickes. There have been many fair north-east winds, but no news of the Gottenburg fleet. Some small vessels seen off Flamborough Head are supposed to be Dutch capers.

Dec. 22.

Whitehall.

94. Petition of the House of Lords to the King, to issue a commission under the great seal to persons of credit, to examine into the accounts of the great sums granted for the present war, thereby to remove the apprehensions of faithful subjects that they have not been faithfully issued by the respective officers for the said service. With order thereon, that though the King has found no cause to suspect the integrity of his officers, and though this way of taking accounts is not usual, yet he orders a commission, the Earl of Aylesbury, John Earl of Bridgewater, Oliver Earl of Bolingbroke, Edw. Visct. Conway, John Lord Lucas, Lord Crew, and seven other gen-

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tlements named to examine the said accounts, and promises not to supersede this commission till it has had its full effect. [*Printed in Lords' Journal, Vol. xii., pp. 54, 57.*]

[Dec. 22.] 95. Draft of the above order [*in the autograph of Lord Chancellor Clarendon.*]

Dec. Entry of the above petition and order, dated Dec. 29. [*Ent. Book 18, pp. 236-8.*]

Dec. 22. 96. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Four vessels have sailed
Lyme. with corn and provisions for Tangiers; 20 sail, supposed to be the Straits' fleet, have passed westward.

Dec. 22. 97. John Pocock to Jas. Hickes. A fleet of sail, supposed to be
Weymouth. Dutchmen, has passed near Portland.

Dec. 22. 98. R. M[ein] to Williamson. Four of those condemned obtained
Edinburgh. a respite, but six were executed to-day, declaring adherence to the covenant, praying for the King and his prosperity against his enemies, also for forgiveness for their judges, and laying their blood at the door of the prelates only, which expressions "had too great dipping in the hearts of the commonalty." Their bodies were by favour burned and not dismembered. The gallows are removed from the street, and if more die, they are to be taken to the Boroughmuir, where 100 can hang together.

Dec. 22. 99. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of ships. Two small
Aldborough. frigates have convoyed six Hull and Newcastle merchant ships northwards. Rides two or three times a week to Southwold, having Mr. Waynfleet's late charge of the sick and wounded.

Dec. 22. 100. Silas Taylor to Williamson. No news of the Gottenburg fleet,
Harwich. yet it could not get to the Buoy of the Nore unseen. Several men-of-war have passed from the Thames, to reinforce the northern convoys.

Dec. 22. 101. Dr. Jo. Croftes, Dean of Norwich, to Lord Arlington. Com-
Norwich. mends the bearer, Mr. Lullman, as a person of competent understanding and perfect honesty, for the place of postmaster of Norwich, likely to be void by the death of Mr. Sutterton [or Sotherton]. He can have a recommendation under the city seal, and give any security required.

Dec. 22. 102. Dr. Jo. Croftes to Williamson. To the same purport. Wishes
Norwich. Lullman to be recommended to Col. Frowde, who was an ancient Oxford acquaintance of the writer. [*Damaged.*]

Dec. 23. 103. Thos. Corie to Williamson. Requests for the bearer,
Norwich. Capt. Rob. Lullman, the office of Postmaster of Norwich, for which he is every way qualified. The Dean of Norwich has written thereon to him and Lord Arlington.

Dec. 23. 104. Jo. Man to Williamson. The country is in good and peace-
Swansea. able estate.

Dec. 23. 105. Mark Scott to Williamson. The town and garrison are in
Berwick. quiet and peaceable posture.

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Dec. 23.
Gatehouse.

106. [E. Godefroi] Touret to Lord Arlington. Details the proceedings of Degrosilier, a coiner, who tried to persuade him to join him, and for refusal has persecuted and entered the accusation against him. [*French, 2 pages.*]

Dec. 23.
Dover.

107. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. In France there are great preparations for land forces against the spring, and high boastings of what they will do. There are no ships in the Narrow. Only two died of the plague last week in Dover. Mr. Oudart is waiting his lady's coming over from Nieuport.

Dec. 23.
Falmouth.

108. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. A vessel from Rochelle reports that the French are making great preparations against spring, building frigates in Holland, Denmark, Toulon, and Brest, intending to have 80 men-of-war and as many fire-ships, and to invade Ireland; most of their fleet is at Brest. A Plymouth vessel coming from Wales was chased back by two pickeroons.

Dec. 23.
Portsmouth.

109. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A privateer has sent in a vessel laden with deals, which pretends to belong to Lubeck.

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110. John Tooker to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of surveys of vessels named lying in the river, the nature and quantity of provisions aboard, and the complaints and wants of captains and masters; also of proceedings taken with respect to victualling, pressing of men, &c., December 19–23. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Dec. 23.
The Defiance,
Buoy of the
Nore.

111. Rear-Admiral Jno. Kempthorne to the Navy Comrs. The ships bound for the Straits have received four months' provisions. Gives the number and names of those requiring supplies. The beer has been aboard some for three months, but all want iron-bound casks. The Foresight and other vessels named not having come down, can give no account of them. Sends the number of men on board six ships named; would have had enough, but insolent rascality rescued those he had got. Hopes a sudden course will be taken to detect and prevent the like for the future. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Dec. 24.
The Norwich,
Downs.

112. Capt. Robt. Werden to Sir Wm. Coventry. His provisions are all on board. A boat ready to be launched at Dover will serve him, as his is old and unfit for service; asks for an order to obtain it. The boatswain and carpenter's stores were completed at Portsmouth, for six months; only requires men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 24.
Dover.

113. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends his two last months' accounts, the delay arising from the provisions not being delivered to the Happy Return at Rye. Will send an account of what is due from the port by letters of credit for the year, and of what provisions have been paid for; the oxen and hogs slaughtered since 1st December make 13,287 pieces of beef of 4 lbs., and 2,322 of pork of 2 lbs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 24.

114. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above; stating also that 400 or 500 of the Scottish rebels are said to be still together and got into the Highlands.

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Dec. 24. 115. Petition of Mary Countess of Falmouth to the King, for
Whitehall. his interest in a forfeited mortgage in fee, value 2,500*l.*, lately belong-
ing to Edmund Ludlow of Kingston Deverell, Wiltshire, but escheated
to the Crown, because the heir-at-law, Edmund Ludlow, is attainted,
and now in possession of the mortgagor, Charles Paulet. With
reference thereon to the Attorney-General, to ascertain the King's
right therein, and his report, Dec. 31, confirming the said right.
- Dec. 24. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent Book 18, p. 234.*]
- Dec. 24. Warrant to Mr. Stanney to apprehend Roger Cook and Thomas
Toogood, for misdemeanors in contempt of the King's authority.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 309.*]
- Dec. 24. Warrant for a grant to Sir William Doyley, jun., in reversion
after Wm. Pinckney, of the office of Teller of the Exchequer. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 310.*]
- Dec. 24. 116. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The place is healthy, and
Truro. making preparation for Christmas; wishes him a merry one.
- Dec. 24. 117. Fras. Malory to Williamson. No ship has come in nor gone
Pembroke. out since his last.
- Dec. 24. 118. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A Yarmouth vessel of 70 tons
Deal. ran upon the Goodwin, and was lost with the goods, but the men
saved by help of other boats; 33 merchant ships with convoys are
in the Downs.
- Dec. 24. 119. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell, post office. Capt. Crosman,
Christmas eve. of the Nonsuch, arriving from Guernsey and Jersey, reports that
their privateer took a Dutch prize of French wine, worth 2,000*l.*,
but by want of skill ran her ashore on the White Rock, near Guern-
sey, when she overset; the goods are saved and in custody of the
Governor of Guernsey, to whom the wreck of those parts belongs.
- Dec. 24. 120. John Pocock to James Hickes. Particulars of the capture
Weymouth. and loss of the prize, by the privateer Hopeful Providence; the men
would have all been drowned, had not one swum ashore with a line
in his mouth, and so got a hawser by which they saved themselves;
four only were drowned. At Bourdeaux are 100 sail of Flemish
ships, bound homewards.
- Dec. 24. 121. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Death of John Sotherton
Norwich. [or Sutterton] with note by Hickes, that he was postmaster in
Norwich on the whole road to Cambridge, and the branch to
Walsingham.
- Dec. 24. 122. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. No capers are heard of;
Lynn. the Portsmouth has victualled, but ships cannot go to sea because
there is so much ice in the Channel; the militia is well settled, and
the place healthful
- Dec. 24. 123. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Flanders packet has
Dover. brought over Sieur Maclier, a Swedish lord, who says that 16,000
Swedes are marching through the Bishop of Munster's country,

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against the Dutch, and Spain may probably fall out with Holland; 25 or 26 Ostend merchant ships are stopped at Flushing, on pretence that their lading was upon the English, so they are unloading their guns, and will be confiscated. It is a mistake that Baron Isola landed at Dover.

Dec. 24. 124. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Has given Lord Arlington an
Rushton. account of Lord Cardigan, and will act as ordered.

Dec. 25. 125. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. A Hamburger met off Ushant,
Plymouth five French men-of-war, of 50 or 54 guns each, 28 of them taken
Fort. from the Turks, and six more are said to be cruising between France
and the Land's End; three capers are lying off Scilly; particulars
of other ships in port, &c.

Dec. 25. 126. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Deptford ketch has
Plymouth. brought in a Swedish ship, bound as they pretend for Nieuport;
three frigates are in port.

Dec. 25. 127. Rich Forster to Williamson. The wind is too high for the
Newcastle. ship to sail. It is reported from Scotland that Lord Argyle has
taken the chief of the late rebels, as they were escaping for
Ireland.

Dec. 25. 128. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Sends him some letters,
and the label of the two Flanders mails which came together; but
not a word from Jemmet as to why the boat stayed so long on the
other side.

Dec. 25. 129. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The York's seamen are
Portsmouth. soon to be paid, and will then cheerfully proceed to sea, when their
ship shall be appointed. The frigate cruising prevents any men-of-
war on the coast.

Dec. 25. 130. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Nine or ten vessels have
Aldborough. sailed from Yarmouth for Leghorn, laden with herrings. A small
galliot hoy from Harwich lies to give orders to the Gottenburg
fleet; hopes soon to give intelligence of her arrival.

Dec. 25. 131. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The galliot hoy has returned
Harwich. without tidings of the Gottenburg fleet.

Dec. 25. 132. Statement that the serjeant trumpeter's demand for sounding
at the launching of ships named amounts to 27*l*. With note that
the serjeant trumpeter, with eight trumpets and a kettledrum, was
at the launching of the Loyal London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 25. 133. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Is glad of the
Edinburgh. arrival of naval provisions. Offered 28*s*. a cwt. for the 250,000 lbs.
of hemp landed, but they required 48*s*., and are now selling from
one to another at 35*s*.; told them of the Eastland fleet coming for
London with all sorts of hemp. Desisted from bargaining further
before receipt of their order, and will do likewise as to Mr.
Follerton's timber. Was offered 10,000 weight of Scotch hemp,
which has proved very good. There is one person has old fir trees,

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which a Norway man is to burn to tar. Five men were hanged who were of the same opinion as the former; hopes the same course will be arrived at with all the King's enemies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

134. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Directed a shipwright to join with others appointed by the prize office to view the prize ship *Nostre Dame de Carmis*. The Deptford ketch brought in the *Liefde* of Sweden from St. Malo, laden with canvas, oil, wine, almonds, &c., supposed a prize. Mr. Floyd, secretary to the Commissioners of Prizes, writes that their lordships do not take it well that the goods taken out of the *Mermaid* are detained, since no application has been made by the Navy Comrs. for them. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

134. i. *Certificate by Thos. Scott and four others that the prize Nostre Dame de Carmis is fit for a fifth-rate or fire ship.*
[*Copy.*] *Plymouth, Dec. 24, 1666.*

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135. Certificate by Thos. Edes, gunner, Richard Crayford, boatswain, and John Tate, carpenter of the *St. Jacob* fire-ship, that on 27 July last, four pressed men cut away the boat and went off with her; being commanded by Lord Blunket [Brouncker] and Sir Thos. Harvy to set sail, they had no time to look after them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 26.
Yarmouth.

136. William Sandwell, master of the *Lamb*, to the Navy Comrs. Has arrived in the road with two more of the [Gottenburg] fleet; 52 sail were together on the coast of Norway, but the storms were so violent they could not command the ship, and so lost the fleet; has seen but two of them since, which are now at Yarmouth. Has lost several sails, and requires others to help the ship into harbour. A sloop or two are about, therefore dares not come without convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 26.
St. Michael's
Mount.

137. Examination of Jacob Hebbelienck before John St. Aubyn, high sheriff of Cornwall. Sailed on the 18th instant from Camrett, near Brest; was told by the mayor there that 40,000 horse and foot were quartered in the adjacent country, designed for Ireland; saw the town full of soldiers; 24 men-of-war now lie at Brest, 24 at Rochelle, and 12 at Bourdeaux, with provisions. They press all the Dutch and French they can find.

Dec. 26.
Norwich.

138. Thos. Corie to Williamson. Hopes Capt. Lullman finds the effect of his favour.

Dec. 26.
Falmouth.

139. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The *Carolus Gustavus* of Stockholm reports that the French are making great preparations against next summer, and that most of their fleet is at Brest.

Dec. 26.
Falmouth.

140. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter of Dec. 23.

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- Dec. 26. 141. W. Mack. to his father in Galloway. Has arrived at Carlisle and intends to sail for Whitehaven. Religious advice. Cautions him against keeping too much fellowship with the episcopal party and the Corrats. Asks how business goes in Scotland. Is at great charges and has spent half his money. Endorsed "Intercepted by Col. Kirkby."
- Dec. 26. 142. [W. Mack.] to his wife in Galloway. Religious advice. Wishes her not to go much to church; reading God's word will inform her better than submitting to prelatical power. Family affairs. Wishes her to come to him, and bring as much money as she can get. Endorsed "Intercepted by Col. Kirkby."
- Dec. 26. 143. Aphara Behn'to Lord Arlington. Knows the justness of her cause, or would be wild with her hard treatment; applies to him as her last hope, and the fountain of mercy; the delays have caused her twice the expense she would have had; would not beg nor starve, and had to get credit, &c. Desires much to come home if she had money, though confident that with the supplies promised, she could do much, as he [Scott] will have his liberty in a few days. Wants a bill for 100*l.*, of which her friend shall have part; cannot return without this; is a poor stranger and her life depends on it. Did not desire the place she has, nor the voyage; must come by this convoy, or will have to stay two months longer. Gives an extract from her friend's letter, in which he says that neither failure of money nor anything shall make him fail in his duty, and begs to see her once more before she returns, as he has many important things to tell her. Would have given all his letter, but many of hers have miscarried. [5 pages.]
- Dec. 26. 144. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and from Dublin, Dec. 11, of outrages committed by the troops in Connaught; arrival of the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin, &c.
- Dec. 26. 145. John Pocock to James Hickes. A fleet of 11 great ships, Weymouth. thought to be friends, have passed to the east of Portland Island.
- Dec. 26. 146. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Swedish vessel reports that Aldborough. the Gottenburg fleet with some Swedish ships, 70 sail in all, left Gottenburg eight days ago, but that two days after, such a storm arose that few of the vessels have been seen since; seven of our ships and a fire-ship have just come in sight.
- Dec. 26. 147. R. B[ower] to Williamson. Six sail, supposed to be part of the Gottenburg fleet, are in the roads. The light fleet, with three Yarmouth. men-of-war, waits a fair wind.
- Dec. 26. 148. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Has no news this post. Norwich.
- Dec. 26. 149. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Is setting out to-morrow, his attendance in Parliament being no longer to be excused. All is quiet there. His cousin Wm. Ravenscroft, receiver general of Chester Castle. the Royal aid, has been drowned in the river Dee.

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150. Ann Woodcock to "sweet Prince" [Rupert?] Begs that the enclosed may be read to the King; the poor wretch has lain in prison ever since the sickness; he loves His Majesty, and will take the oaths. The Duke of Albemarle would have released him six weeks ago, but no man would be his security; begs that she and another woman may be allowed to be security for him. *Encloses,*

150. I. Wm. Bray to Mrs. Woodcock. *Was nearly murdered last night by the inhuman gaoler Bayley, for petitioning the King or Duke to preserve prisoners from destruction by extortions, which can be proved by a cloud of witnesses; is hurt in the arm, and may lose his life, without a good surgeon. If he is destroyed there, it will be from love to God, and the King, and his people; can scarce write for pain; is bereft of the night clothing which he got on credit from friends. It would make the ears of the King or Duke or Lord Chief Justice tingle to know how subjects are destroyed there. [2½ pages.] December 20, 1666.*

Dec. 26.
Boston.

151. Robt. Gray to James Hikes. Has no news this post.

Dec. 27.

Licences for the ships Mary and Charity of Dartmouth and Speedwell of Topsham, laden with fish and corn, to pursue their intended voyage to Portugal, giving security to return before March 20. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 110.*]

Dec. 27.

152. John Allen to Williamson. Fears his answer has miscarried. Begs a reply sent to Dr. Bar[low]. Will inform him of anything considerable, but wants a small cypher.

Dec. 27.

8 A.M.,
Aldborough.

153. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Last night five more of the Gottenburg fleet were seen, and this morning nine. Hopes they will come dropping in. They stand into the Gunfleet and Harwich; 80 light colliers sailed northward yesterday.

Dec. 27.

Harwich.

154. Silas Taylor to Williamson. When the Gottenburg fleet of 80 sail reached the Scaw, a violent wind drove them out again, and scattered and damaged them much, by running foul of one another; only 12 vessels appear as yet. All the 4th, 5th, and 6th rate frigates of the convoy are to come in to Harwich.

Dec. 27.

Bridlington.

155. John Bower to James Hikes. Hopes the Gottenburg fleet has safely arrived. Fears the south wind will bring the capers again, but there will now be our own men-of-war to cruise.

Dec. 27.

Portsmouth.

156. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A privateer plying off the Isle of Wight has sent in a pretended Ostender, laden with French wines, and the Flying Horse has sent in another French wine prize.

Dec. 27.

Dover.

157. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A small bark laden with merchants' goods is taken within gunshot of the shore by a French

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sloop; there are 8 or 10 frigates in the Downs, which might easily retake it. Without care such things will be committed daily.

Dec. 27. 158. Jo. Man to Williamson. There was a report of French privateers on the coast, but it proves to be false.
Swansea.

Dec. [27.] 159. Capt. Hogg to Sir Wm. Penn. Sailed from Cowes on the 23rd; chased several vessels, and was chased by 20 sail, consisting of 4 Holland men-of-war, 3 merchant ships, &c., but escaped and took a galliot hoy of their fleet. Extract.

Dec. 27. 160. [Sir P. Honeywood] to Williamson. The Flying Greyhound, a privateer from Cowes, was chased by 6 Dutch men-of-war and 6 privateers, bound westward to secure the return of their merchant ships, but escaped in the night, cut off a hoy in their rear, and took a fly-boat laden with wine and brandy, pretending to be from Stockholm. An Ostender reports that 120 sail from Bourdeaux are bound through the Channel, with only 2 small men-of-war convoys. The West coast is reported clear. The York has sailed to Spithead.
Portsmouth.

Dec. 27. 161. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Several vessels have arrived to lade corn for Plymouth, as did some last week; this has made the markets somewhat dearer. There is a report of 40,000 soldiers ready at Brest to invade this kingdom.
Truro.

Dec. 27. 162. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. No vessel has been in or out since his last.
Pembroke.

Dec. 27. 163. Elizabeth Stackey to William Betts. Her daughter sends him the black liquor, spirit of salt, oil of amber, &c., as ordered, for which the bearer has paid 24s. They are living in Moorfields.
London.

[Dec. 27.] 164. Thos. Lloyd to Williamson. Mr. Herne wishes Williamson to send his letter separately; the letters coming together will appear more like a design than the humour of those people [of Dartmouth] can bear. He should write to Mr. Haynes and Chris. Wheeler.
Thursday.

Dec. 27. 165. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends account of the victualling of four ships named, bound for the West Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Dover.

Dec. 27. 166. Habbakuk Wiles, master of the Golden Hand fly-boat, to the Navy Comrs. Arrived in the road after a sad storm. The men are much damaged with the frost, and only 6 out of 20 able to work. Cannot get an anchor, and has two days' employment to set sails. &c., before they can sail; both the boats are staved.
Fly-boat,
Yarmouth Roads.

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Dec. 28.
Plymouth.

1. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Delft with her convoy departed, and the Victory prize, Mermaid, and Pembroke are in the Sound, attending the merchantmen bound for Tangiers and Cadiz. The Deptford ketch has brought in a prize laden with Malaga wine, &c., pretended at first to be a Swede, but confessed to come from St. Malo and to be bound for Holland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28.
Sheerness.

2. Capt. Abra. Ansley to the Navy Comrs. Sent their orders to the master of the Guernsey at the Nore, to bring the ship into port, the carpenters from Chatham being ready to trim her, but the master refused, and has sent the pilot back. The Henrietta and Tiger are in the Swale, ready to sail the first opportunity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28.
Dartmouth.

3. Giles Ivy to Sir Arthur Ingram, governor of the Canary Company, Leadenhall Street. Will use what diligence he can to promote the election of Jos. Williamson as burgess of Dartmouth, in place of Thos. Kendall, deceased; has already spoken to some friends. Sir John Frederic has written about another person and the Duke of Albemarle for Sir John Colleton, but he will not be the man.

Dec. 28.
Deal.

4. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A French sloop carried away a small West country vessel, before the face of the fleet in the Downs; the master and men escaped to Deal in their boat. Most of the captains were on shore, and no vessel was willing to give chase to the sloop; 300 sail are at the back of the Goodwin, towards Holland; 300 or 400 Dutch vessels are reported to be laded at Bourdeaux, Nantes, &c., and going for Holland, with three or four French ships as convoy. More seamen go away in ships now than was expected; there are 10,000 able seamen in the last and this fleet, for none but stout resolute fellows go now.

Dec. 28.
6 P.M.,
Aldborough.

5. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Diamond, Warspite, and four other frigates engaged five Dutch men-of-war, which came out of the Texel in a bravado, took two or three of them and 90 prisoners, and are in chase of the rest; the vessels taken were so disabled that they had to be sunk. Two Scotch privateers took one Danish man-of-war, and two others were wrecked on the Scaw; 35 of the Gottenburg fleet have sailed by.

Dec. 28.
Pembroke.

6. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The harbour has been empty a long time together.

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7. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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8. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Dec. 28.
Plymouth.

9. John Clarke to Williamson. There is a report that the French King has drawn 30,000 or 40,000 soldiers to Brest, with vessels to

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transport them, but whither is not known. Sir John Skelton has sent expresses to the Earl of Bath and Sir Wm. Coventry. The Delft has sailed with vessels for the Western Islands, and three other frigates will take those bound for Portugal, Cadiz, &c.

Dec. 28. 10. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Dec. 28. 11. L. Whittington to Williamson. The Gottenburg fleet was
Hull. dispersed in a storm; two ships laden with hemp and masts on the King's account put into the Humber, and are loth to sail again without convoy. The coast is free, yet the Newcastle coal fleet stirs not.

Dec. 28. 12. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Lynn boat laden with salt
Lynn. has come in alone from Tynemouth, and seen no enemy; it left behind a great fleet of colliers, and some ships from Scotland, with three men-of-war for convoy, bound for London.

Dec. 28. 13. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A vessel has sailed for Bar-
Newcastle. badoes, and also the laden collier fleet.

Dec. 28. 14. Petition of Ralph Smith, nailer of Lancashire, to the King,
Whitehall. for pardon for the offence of coining, and liberty to prosecute the King's service. Came in and implored pardon in August last, promising to discover several coiners; had a pass therefore, and has returned with a list of 15 who persist in coining; has also discovered two considerable mines, which Sir Rob. Murray has mentioned to His Majesty. With reference thereon to Baron Turner, who is acquainted with the matter of the coiners; his report, Jan. 11, 1667, advising that the petitioner may have his liberty to prosecute offenders, on giving a recognizance of 500*l.* to appear at the Lancashire summer assizes; and note by Sir Roger Bradshaigh, Jan. 15, 1667, that he has taken the said recognizance.

Dec. 28. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 235.*]

Dec. 28. 15. Petition of Sir Godfrey Lloyd, captain of the Foot Guards
Whitehall. now in garrison at Portsmouth, to the King, to order Sir Stephen Fox to pay to him 160*l.* 13*s.*, which Sir Stephen advanced to the late Capt. Wm. Barker, who died 6th May last, and which is deducted from his payments; to be in part of arrears due to the petitioner's company. With reference thereon to Lord General Albemarle; report of Sir Stephen Fox, Jan. 9, 1667, that by Bulstrode's running away in July 1665 with 600*l.* of their money, that company sustained a greater loss than any other in the regiment, wherefore Capt. Barker got an advance of 200*l.* over the weekly payment of 10*l.* constantly made to each company at Portsmouth, so that he might probably be overpaid when Lloyd entered on the company, but that was not the writer's fault, the advance being made in a case of necessity; and final report of the Duke of Albemarle, that the money should not be repaid, as the straits the company were in

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which occasioned the advance, were owing to Bulstrode's running away. *Annexing,*

15. I. *Account of the pay of Capt. Barker's company from Aug. 5, 1665, to Aug. 4, 1666. Sept. 15, 1666.*

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16. Petition of Capt. Thos. Sherley to the King, for the foot company in Windsor Castle, void by death of Capt. Finchley; he and his father, Sir Thos. Sherley, both served the late King in the wars; was plundered for engaging in Sir George Booth's design; served 11 months without pay in His Majesty's life guard of cavalry.

Dec. 29.

Whitehall.

Warrant for those tallies already levied upon the excise of London and Middlesex for the Queen-Mother to be paid in their course, notwithstanding the order contained in the letter within written, and for payment of the tallies levied for her this present Christmas. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 106.*]

Dec. 29.

Pass for Viscount Maidstone into Turkey. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 309.*]

Dec. 29.

Warrant for swearing Isaac Le Gomme, jeweller in ordinary to His Majesty, in place of Fras. and John Simpson deceased. Minute [*Ent. Book 23, p. 309.*]

Dec. 29.

Order for a warrant for allowance to Edw. Earl of Clarendon, keeper of Woodstock Park, of 40*l.* a year for the keepers, and 40*l.* for the deer, as formerly allowed to Philip Earl of Montgomery. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 310-2.*]

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17. Copy of the above. [*2½ pages.*]

Dec. 29.

Edinburgh.

18. R. M[ein] to Williamson. The Lord Commissioner has returned from the west, whence no fresh insurrection need be feared, they having paid well, both in life and estate, for their late mad attempt. Has incurred ill will for not sending to the Gazette the account of the noblemen's carriage in pursuit of the Whigs; how they marched on foot, and went up to the middle through the rivers to give an example to the soldiers; also of the conduct of Sir And. Ramsay, who was four days and nights in attendance on Council, without once going home, kept the city in arms and closely watched, sent out scouts to beat up the rebels' quarters, and hindered the many fanatics within from joining those without, or supplying them with necessaries. [*1½ pages.*]

Dec. 29.

Beauesert.

19. Sir B. Broughton to Williamson. Hunted out and punished the raiser of the false reports of Papists' rendezvous, and his fellow justices have done the like. Has seized some gunpowder in the hands of a factious Presbyterian ploughman, whose father has some 30*l.* a year. If all of his persuasion so provided themselves, they would want no powder for the rising; he would not trust it to come by a carrier, and had it left in a private house, two miles off; he

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said he bought it for himself and his neighbours to bird with, but they all denied having employed him to buy for them. [1½ pages.]

Dec. 29.
Newcastle.

20. Rich. Forster to Williamson. All are hoping that care will be taken for convoy for the light fleet coming down, as all sorts of commodities from London are wanted.

Dec. 29.
Harwich.

21. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Particulars of the voyage of the Gottenburg fleet; they met five Holland men-of-war, employed to waylay the Hamburg convoy; two were taken, two burned, and several ships are in pursuit of the others. Guns are heard, but supposed to be salutes of ships coming in. [1½ pages.]

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22. John Lord Belasyse to Williamson. Wants a commission for Peter Conne to be ensign to Capt. Legg's company in Tangiers; he is going with the fleet to conduct the recruits. Endorsed with note of a pass for the ship Young Prince of Denmark, taken last summer, and now in possession of Sir Wm. Batten for His Majesty's use.

Dec. 29.

23. Ja. Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends letters from Bristol, Chester, Plymouth, and Yarmouth; the north mail has not yet come in.

Dec. 29.
Bristol.

24. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. There is a report that 300 button makers assembled tumultuously by beat of drum, to petition Lord Digby, the Earl of Bristol's son, for something in behalf of their trade, and the suppression of foreigners who encroach upon it, and that several have been taken into custody; cannot obtain particulars. The rest of the ships for America and the West Indies, disabled in the late storm, will be ready in a few days.

Dec. 29.
Victualling
Office.

25. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Several parcels of beef and pork have been returned from the fleet this year, for no other cause than that it had been too long in salt; to avoid loss, has shipped 16,193 four-pound pieces of beef and 318 two-pound pieces of pork to Barbadoes, in the Loyal Berkeley. Begs an order from the Lord Treasurer to the Customs' officers to let it pass free, according to the tenth article of his contract. [Adm. Paper.] Encloses,

25. 1. *Certificate by N. Osborne that the beef and pork, value 344l. 10s. 2d., have been shipped in the Loyal Berkeley for Barbadoes, and that he promises to pay for Denis Gauden the duty of the goods, in case the Lord Treasurer's warrant be not provided within one month for their being transported custom free.* Jan. 2, 1666.

Dec. 29.
The Milkmaid,
Yarmouth
Roads.

26. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. Sailed with the fleet from Tynemouth; has arrived in the Roads, and will make the best of his way to the place ordered. [Adm. Paper.]

Dec. 29.
Ipswich.

27. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been victualled, and there was only one killing of oxen this week. The

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Success and Drake are in the Rolling Grounds, and part of the Gottenburg fleet in Ouseley Bay. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 28. Report by three officers of the Diamond to the Navy Comrs. on the nature of her defects. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 29. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There have been 115 oxen and
Portsmouth. 218 hogs slaughtered this week, and the Swallow ketch victualled. Account of the damaged provisions aboard the York, surveyed by warrant from Comr. Middleton. Has been exact in dividing the loss on provisions, and has laid much on the victualler, but it has been punctually supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 30. Sir William Warren to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of money and goods supplied by him to 15 commanders of ships named at Gottenburg. Promises accounts for other ships, as soon as they come to hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. 31. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Departure of the
Plymouth. Victory prize, Pembroke and Mermaid, with their convoys, for Cadiz and Tangiers. The Deptford ketch will be ready in a few days. Desires an order for petty warrant as ships come in, the victualler refusing it for want of Mr. Gauden's order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. 32. Report of the Board of Greencloth that one gentleman usher
Board of Greencloth. daily waiter has a right to daily diet; two gentlemen ushers to diet on Sundays and festival days; and that 273 days at 4s. a day, from October 1, 1664, to July 1, 1665, come to 54*l.* 12*s.*, and to 13*l.* 12*s.* for the festival days.

Dec. 30. 33. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A supposed prize laden
Portsmouth. with deals has been taken by the Flying Horse, a privateer belonging to Sir Wm. Batten. Lord A[rlington] might be supplied with deals from it, or from a ship from Hamburg, laden with deals for Peter Barr, merchant of London, but driven by weather into Cowes. The York was paid off 12 months' pay, and is at Spithead ready for service. Account of two other prizes taken by the Flying Horse.

Dec. 30. 34. L. Whittington to Williamson. Two Newcastle prizes have
Hull. arrived which parted off the Humber with the Newcastle fleet of 180 sail with three convoys. They had not seen nor heard of any Hollanders.

Dec. 30. 35. John Clarke to Williamson. Will gladly contribute to carry
Plymouth. on his business at Dartmouth. Has written to Thos. Newman and Ambrose Mudd, two of the most leading men of the town, and used what arguments he could. The merchant ships for Portugal, Cadiz, and Barbadoes have sailed with four frigates.

Dec. 30. 36. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will enjoin his friends to vote
Plymouth Fort. for Williamson as burges for Dartmouth, and explain his capacity

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to serve them, but has only little acquaintance there. Sir Walter Young endeavours for it. Departure of ships. Several French men-of-war are cruising off Ushant.

[Dec. ?] 30. 37. Owen Lindsey to Sir Philip Frowde. Sir Edm. Fortescue, Dartmouth. burgess for Plympton Marries, is dead. Mr. Williamson should make all haste to make friends for that corporation, in case he fail for Dartmouth; it is an ancient corporation, and when Sir Edmund was chosen, the Earl of Bath was greatly in favour of Sir Nich. Slanning. In Dartmouth there were two before Mr. Williamson; the Dukes of York and Albemarle wrote for Sir John Colleton; the merchants want a merchant to stand.

Dec. 30. 38. James Hicke to Williamson. The Yarmouth mail has come Letter Office. in, but part of the letters have been lost by the way. Has written to Dartmouth, but finds that Williamson's letter was stayed on the road.

Dec. 30. 39. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Capt. Correll, of a Fowey Falmouth. privateer, has sent in a prize laden with salt and wine to Helford; there being no more English than French on board, the French conspired to kill the English, and one was attacked, leaped overboard and was drowned, but the rest secured the French, and saved themselves. There are 3,000 French at Brest, intended for Ireland next spring.

Dec. 30. 40. M. Scott to Williamson. All is peaceable there, and not Berwick. infested with pirates.

Dec. 30. 41. Warham Jemmett, sen., to [Williamson]. Sir Phil. [Frowde] Dover. is displeased with him, and threatens him for complaining to his friends, but has only done what his trust requires; asks him to peruse all his letters to Sir Philip. Inserts one to him, forwarding the French and Flanders mails, and accounting for their non-arrival previously because of the north-west winds.

Dec. 31. 42. A. B[ower] to Williamson. Six Gottenburg ships have sailed Yarmouth. with convoys for London. The fleet of colliers sailed, but was forced back by contrary winds.

Dec. 31. 43. John Pocock to James Hicke. Wishes him a merry new Weymouth. year.

Dec. 31. 44. Jo. Fowell to Williamson. In obedience to Lord Arlington Washborne. and Mr. Comptroller's commands, has been to Dartmouth to use his interest for Williamson, notwithstanding his resolutions and obligations to the contrary. As the corporation disappointed him once before, dares not be sure of them, especially as so many powerful persons' interests were engaged for others. Supposes it to be through neglect that Lord Arlington's express only came a few hours before the common post, which brought him the Lord General's commands to the writer to use his interest for Sir [John] Colleton. There are others who stand for the burgess-ship, but the town would

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be happy in choosing a person so worthy and able to serve them as Williamson. Will write him if he has any further hopes. [2 pages.]

Dec. 31. 45. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Two vessels laden with wine
Truro. and salt have arrived in Falmouth harbour, and pretend to be Swedes.

Dec. 31. 46. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The St. Patrick has brought
Aldborough. in a Dutch man-of-war, which she has taken, but they knew nothing of the rest of the frigates that were in pursuit; has seen the Warspite and five more English frigates, which have sailed to the Gunfleet; hopes they were the last of the Gottenburg fleet. Account of pickeroons off the shore; wishes a small frigate might cruise, to put by these small rogues. Is sorry the expresses do not come timely; knows not where the fault lies.

Dec. 31. 47. Jo. Man to Williamson. The country is in good health and
Swansea. peaceable condition.

Dec. 31. 48-50. Three storekeepers' receipts for canvas sent by land from
Deptford. Portsmouth to Deptford, 26th November, 7th and 8th December, and 31st December, 1666. Three papers. [*Adm. Papers.*]

Dec. 31. 51. Account by the clerk of the cheque at Chatham of several
journeys made to ships named at Sheerness and the Nore, to muster men, pay wages, &c., from 6th May 1665 to 31st December 1666. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Dec. 31. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for the delivery of
the ship Young Prince of Denmark to Sir William Batten for the use of His Majesty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 313.*]

Dec. 31. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for delivery of the King
Solomon, lying at Ratcliffe, to Capt. Wm. Reeves. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 313.*]

Dec. 31. Grant to Carr Scrope [or Scroop] of Cockerington, co. Lincoln, of
the dignity of a baronet, with the usual discharge. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Congé d'élire to the Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph to elect
a bishop to that see, void by death of Dr. Griffin; with a letter recommending Dr. Glenham as bishop. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. 52. Note that the warrant on the Prize Office for Wm. Gombledon
for 850*l.* was for the remainder of the diamond pendants which the privy purse should have paid, and for a ring of 200*l.* for the last envoy from Savoy.

Dec. 53. Petition of Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer of the household, to the
King, for a warrant to the Board of Greencloth to review the accounts sent in by them of his receipts and payments for four years, as they do not allow all he has paid, and debit him with more than he has received; also that a fair balance may be drawn out, and kept yearly.

Dec. ? 54. Petition of Peter Barr, merchant of London, to the King, that
his ship may be allowed to unlade without molestation, because

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though he began to prepare to withdraw his effects from France on November 19, it did not reach Dover, on account of the winds, till 30 hours after the time limited.

Dec. ? 55. Petition of Ellen Bradlie, daughter of the late William Bradlie, to the King, for payment of 22*l.* 10*s.* due to her father on a pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, allowed him on returning from Holland, according to the King's precept, till he had a place granted, which he did not live to enjoy.

Dec. ? 56. Petition of 16 Brewers, whose houses were burnt during the fire, to Lord Arlington, for his influence at the Council, to which, by order of the referees, the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, is submitted their petition for abatement of one half of their growing duties on excise, which amount to 4,000*l.*, on plea that the stock for which they had paid excise was lost in the fire; the referees were unwilling to recommend their case, lest it might become a precedent. *Annexing,*

56. I. *Statement of the case of the brewers of London whose houses were burnt; that it is distinct from that of all other sufferers, and that therefore His Majesty's favour to them would not be likely to create a precedent.*

56. II. *Estimate of the charge and prejudice that the 16 brewers, late in and about Thames Street, will suffer by not being permitted to rebuild their brewhouses, consumed by the late fire; total, 12,640*l.**

Dec. ? 57. Petition of Dr. Edmond Castell, chaplain in ordinary, to the King, for a good living near Cambridge, or a prebend in Ely, to prevent his dying in prison, as the reward of his labours in being principal assistant in publishing the Polyglott Bible, and sole compiler of the Heptaglott Lexicon, in which undertakings, with a loss of 3,000*l.* by the late fire, he has spent 12,000*l.*, is burdened with debt, and has the copies of the work lying on his hands. [*Made prebendary of Canterbury 13th November 1667.*]

Dec. ? 58. Petition of William Fisk, master of the Good Advice of Alborough, to the Navy Comrs., for payment, after long waiting, of his bill for 20*l.* due to him for transporting provisions from Deptford to Harwich; has daily applied for it since October last, and now understands by Mr. Fenn that it is not to be paid, because it is just nothing less than that sum. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 59. Petition of Sir Thomas Foot, Bart., to the King, for reversion of the baronetcy conferred on himself, to Art. Onslow, of West Clandon, Surrey, who has married his eldest daughter, he having no sons. *Annexing,*

59. I. *Warrant, according to the petition, for Art. Onslow to enjoy future dignity and present rank and precedence, as though he were the heir male of Sir Thos. Foot.*

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60. Petition of the Servants and Creditors of the late Sir Faithful Fortescue, to the King, to confirm an assignation made by Sir Faithful, during his last illness in the Isle of Wight, whither he went to avoid the contagion, to Col. Walter Slingsby, deputy governor there, of a grant of the King's moiety of fines on retailers of wines who exceed the prices of Parliament and proclamation, which assignment was to pay his funeral expenses, and his servants and creditors there. *Annexing,*

60. I. *Assignation by Sir Faithful Fortescue to Col. Walter Slingsby of the aforesaid grant, one-third being for himself and two-thirds for Sir Faithful's servants, or things needful for himself.* May 24, 1666.

Dec. ?

61. Petition of Capt. Levi Green to the King, for a gift of the Young Tobias, a small prize yet undisposed of; commanded the Unicorn, a second-rate ship, under the Duke of Albemarle and Prince Rupert, in last summer's expedition, and received no bounty; he and his father have been great sufferers for their loyalty.

Dec. ?

62. Petition of Capt. John Hayward to the King, for the Prince William of Haarlem, a prize now at Harwich; commanded the St. George last summer under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, without the advantages which ships of the like second-rate have received by His Majesty's bounty, and lesser ships by cruising.

Dec. ?

63. Petition of John Lloyd to the Duke of York. Commanded the Dragon in the summer's engagement with the Dutch, and on 3rd June, received a dangerous gun-shot wound in the shoulder, which disabled him for several months, and compelled him to seek the advice of several physicians at his own cost. Prays an order towards his charges and loss. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

63. I. *Memorandum of sums from 100l. to 200l., given as gratuities to four captains named, for wounds similarly received.*

Dec. ?

64. Petition of a Merchant and Traveller to the King, for leave to erect an address office where merchants and others, inhabitants or strangers, may leave their names, as is done in the chiefest trading places abroad; the want of this has been much felt since the fire; people coming from all parts to London cannot find the persons with whom they have relation; the registration will promote rather than hinder trade, and it is to be entirely voluntary.

Dec. ?

65. Petition of Christian, wife of George Mayne, now in Norway, to the King and Council, for an order to free the Dutch built ship Moore of Amsterdam, a Scottish prize ship, freighted by her husband with deals bought in Norway, for good of the country, since the late dreadful fire, and shipped in a Dutch bottom, because no English vessel could be had; or else for leave to transport them to some other country, her husband being bound in 1,000l. to clear the ship, and ignorant of any commands to the contrary.

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66. Petition of William Milde, master, and the rest of the Mariners of the ship [Papillon ?] of Hamburg, now at Hull, to the King, for restoration to them of the wines seized out of their vessel, because being detained by the winds, they did not arrive within the time limited in the proclamation, although they obtained an order, by desire of Parliament, for unloading their goods.

Dec. ?

67. Petition of Patrick More to the King, for the prize ship the Island of Walcheren, lately brought in ; was promised something last summer, if he could find anything suitable. *Annexing,*

67. I. *Certificate by Sir Edw. Spragg, that the petitioner has sailed with him in every ship he has commanded, and behaved with much courage and activity against the Dutch.* Dec. 28, 1666.

Dec. ?

68. Petition of — Musgrave and others to the King, for a grant of the fines due to His Majesty of 20s. a head for cattle, and 10s. a head for sheep, imported into Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, between July or August and December, contrary to the Act of Parliament.

Dec. ?

69. Petition of Robert Nott to the King, for the reversion of the place of page of the bedchamber. Spent his youth in service of Sir Hugh Pollard, late comptroller of the household, by whose death he is left destitute.

Dec. ?

70. Petition of Lewis Parent and Company, English merchants trading to France, to the King and Council. Their ship Hopewell went in October with French prisoners to Bourdeaux, to bring back English prisoners, to save the charge of sending a ship on purpose, when the proclamation came prohibiting import of French goods ; request an order for the ship to come in, with her passengers and lading ; will bring over, at their own charge, not only the prisoners intended, but 50 or 60 more now at Rochelle.

Dec. ?

71. Petition of Louis Rosin, prisoner in Windsor Castle, to the King, for examination of his case ; has been five months a prisoner, hoping to prove his innocence, and return to his friends, and have the help of a physician for preservation of his life.

Dec. ?

72. Petition of the Actors, &c., of the Theatre Royal to the King, for payment of the arrears due to them, and for assistance in rebuilding their theatre, which will cost 2,000*l.* more than the old one ; without help they cannot go on with their building, and pay for clothes, scenes, &c., for their now acting at Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Dec. ?

73. Petition of John Van Messem to Lord Arlington, for employment. Has lost by the war the benefit he formerly derived from the province of Friezland. *Annexing,*

73. I. *Note of 68*l.* 8s., a year's pension from Christmas 1665 to 1666, due to John Van Messem.*

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74. Petition of Sir William Wale to the King, for the payment of 1,697*l.*, balance due to him on his account for wines, with allowance for interest on delay in payments [*see* Oct. 27, 1666], having lost his own dwelling house and several others, and all of his wines by the late calamitous fire. If the money cannot be paid, begs a yearly allowance from the customs or excise.

Dec. ?

75. Petition of the Churchwardens and Overseers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to the King, to continue his benevolence of 100*l.* a year to the poor, but to settle half of it on the churchwardens for the poor of the parish, and half on King Charles's Hospital, formed by the late King for bringing up fatherless children, which has lost half of its revenue in the late fire.

Dec. ?

76. Note of licence to Sir Wm. Davidson to send two ships to New England and four to Barbadoes, to be supplied with all necessities. Also for leave for him to send deal boards and such like commodities from Norway, to be shipped in Holland boats, as the city stands in special need of such commodities.

Dec. ?

77. Proviso in a grant for no erection to be made on a piece of ground northward of the river, which is to remain an open wharf, except the soil between [St.] Paul's Wharf and Baynard's Castle, which is to be granted to St. Paul's Church.

Dec.

Warrant for installing the first fruits of the Bishoprick of Rochester, being 322*l.* 7*s.* 4½*d.* to Dr. Dolben, to be paid in four years. [*Docquet.*]

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Whitehall.

78. Commission to the Earl of Ogle to be Governor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, taking command of the militia and any forces that may serve there.

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79. Commission to Col. Edw. Villiers to be deputy-governor of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the absence of the Earl of Ogle.

Dec. ?

80. Sir Wm. Bolton, Lord Mayor of London, to Lord Arlington. The shopkeepers formerly in the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, having now built themselves shops both above and below, in the Exchange, lately called Gresham College, are anxious to make the same known, and beg in consideration of their late suffering condition, that it may be published in the Gazette. With note, by Williamson, for the advertisement to be inserted.

Dec. ?

81. Lord Arlington and Sec. Morice to Sir Philip Frowde. Complain of delay in the arrival of the King's letters, those from Newcastle, Plymouth, Bristol, &c., being 10, 12, or 14 hours later than formerly. He is to warn the postmasters that unless they convey letters with the expedition required by their instructions, they will be dismissed, and to order labels to be sent with the letters to be signed by the postmasters, stating the hour of arrival and dispatch of each mail, as is usual in particular despatches. [*Draft, corrected by Lord Arlington.*]

81. I. *Description of a proposed postal map of England, giving the stage towns, with the number of miles between*

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each, so that as the mails are ordered to run seven miles an hour from March to September, and five miles from September to March, it could easily be calculated how many hours any express ought to be.

Dec. ? 82. Capt. John Wood to the Navy Comrs. The victualler only gave him 6*d.* per man per month, as commander of the *Providence*, for necessary money, instead of 15*d.* The ship was sunk in an engagement with the Dutch, July 25, 1666; remained in the fleet till Aug. 16, by order of the Duke of Albemarle, and commanded the *Unicorn* fire-ship, from Aug. 2 to Sept. 21, but being seized with sickness, another commander went to sea with her. Asks for an allowance during sickness, and the money due for necessary money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. ? 83. Rich. Gouldinham to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to deliver into the stores at Deptford 250*l.* worth of anchors at 44*s.* per cwt. on receipt of 200*l.* down, and the remainder of the money on delivery of the goods. Will make 14 more by March next, for one third of the money in hand, and the remainder on delivery. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. ? 84. Capt. John Gibbs to Sir W. Batten. Asks that 300*l.* due for freighting the *Love* hoy with timber from Stockwith to Harwich, and 121*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* for rosin sold by him, may be paid from the chamber of the city, as many others have it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. ? 85. Lewis Herault to the King. The words of the wise are as nails fixed; kings and wise men are synonymous words, and his Majesty's words to him have been as nails fixed, by inciting him to respectful gratitude, but not by producing any effects. Begs him to write but seven letters, the number of perfection, CHARLES, below a paper subjoined, which will bring all good intentions on his behalf to effect. [*French, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

85. 1. *Form of declaration of the King's resolution to grant to Lewis Herault, minister of the French church in London the next vacant prebend in Windsor or Westminster, he having failed in other church preferment, being old, and his congregation brought so low by the late fire that they cannot afford him the small allowance whereon he has hitherto supported his family.* [*1½ pages.*] *Whitehall.*

[Dec.] 86. Account by F. Hosier, victualling agent, of provisions remain-
Dover. ing due by letter of credit, and of provisions delivered by letters of credit from other ports, for several ships named, during the month of December, and of provisions bought from pursers during the year. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

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87. Abstract of loans granted at Portsmouth, Dover, Sheerness and Harwich, to 56 merchant ships in 1665 and 1666. [*Adm. Paper, 4 pages.*] *Enclosing,*

87. I. *Receipt by Robt, Windley, boatswain of the Eagle, for an anchor. Sole Bay, June 10, 1665.*

87. II. *Receipt by Will. Williams, carpenter of the Loyal George, for a dozen of whole deals and a basket of nails. June 23, 1665.*

87. III. *Receipt by Edmund Scott, boatswain of the Loyal George, for a cable. June 23, 1665.*

[*Each of these receipts has a note to the effect that the freight was paid, but no abatement made. Dec. 26, 1666.*]

87. IV. *Memorandum of articles supplied to six ships named.*

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Harwich.

88. Certificate by Comr. John Taylor, that the Amity of Ipswich was engaged for the time mentioned in the bill, in taking out ballast to the fleet in Southwold Bay, in August last, and then in delivering it to ships in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Dec.]

89. "A brief account of the prisoners for truth and righteousness' sake in the common gaol of Warwick, how and for what time they were committed, and the time of their detainment, &c.;" giving the names of 36 persons, and details of their committal and imprisonment for periods varying from 2 to 5 years, [by Hen. Jackson, prisoner].

Dec. ?

90. Account of wines brought in 5 vessels now in harbour for Abraham Stock of Dover, some laden in France 27th November, 1666.

Dec. ?

91. Account of the investigation, by order of Parliament, into the cause of the fire in London, published because the English court was suspected to have caused the burning, by John Steward. [*Dutch translation, printed, 20 pages.*]

Dec. ?

92. List of names [of persons who subscribed for news letters], with notes of the times of their beginning so to do, from 1st March to 12th October 1666, and of the sums already paid. [*Imperfect.*]

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93-205. Lists of letters sent by post on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, with the hour of their transmission, from March to December 1666; many endorsed by Jas. Hickes, of the Post Office. 113 papers.

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of Kings' ships and merchants' ships in the Downs, during the month, the state of the wind, &c. :—

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Remarks.
206	Dec. 1	5	6	S.W.	
207	" 2	6	6	S.W.	
208	" 4	6	6	E.S.E.	
209	" "	5	5	S.W.	Two ships were on the sands, but have got off; knows not what they are.
210	" 5	6	5	S.W.	The two ships were Ostenders, and had been attacked by a French sloop.
211	" 6	6	10	W.	
212	" 7	6	13	S.W.	The town is in good health.
213	" 8	6	14	W.	
214	" 9	6	14	S.W.	Has news sent weekly, and a request for lists from another party, but refrains from sending them.
215	" 10	6	20	S.W.	
216	" 11	6	27	S.W.	
217	" 12	4	31	N.W.	
218	" 13	3	8	N.E.	The Pembroke has convoyed away the other merchant ships.
219	" 14	5	16	N.W. by N.	More ships are come in, but the wind and tide prevent going on board.
220	" 15	5	19	S.W.	
221	" 16	5	10	N.E.	A ship is on the Goodwin Sands, but no boat can get to it for the weather.
222	" "	5	9	N.E.	The ship was a French man-of-war; another is now on the sands; both lost.
223	" 17	4	7	S.E.	
224	" 20	2	2	N.	
225	" 21	6	26	S.W.	
226	" 22	6	27	N.E.	
227	" 23	5	27	S.W.	
228	" 24	5	27	S.W.	
229	" 26	6	34	S.W.	
230	" 27	7	42	N.W.	
231	" 28	7	45	N.W.	
232	" 29	7	45	S.W.	
233	" 31	4	5	N.	

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Post bills or labels from October to December. They contain a printed circular signed by Sir Philip Frowde, governor of the posts, addressed to the postmasters on the several roads, requiring diligence and expedition in conveyance of the mails, and ordering each postmaster of the towns through which the mail passes to state the hour at which he received and forwarded it; those marked * contain some note reproving the posts for tardiness in not travelling faster than three or four miles an hour, the prescribed rate being five miles, or for negligence in not attending duly to the labels, &c. :—

No.	Time of starting from London.	To	Time of Arrival.	Time of Dispatch.	Time of Return to London.
1	Oct. 3 2 A.M.	Yarmouth -	—	Oct. 5 11 P.M.	Oct. 7 3 P.M.
2	" 5 3 A.M.	Plymouth -	Jan. 7 6 A.M.	" 7 12 P.M.	" 10 9½ A.M.
3	" 10 2 A.M.	*Yarmouth -	—	" 12 11 P.M.	" 14 4 P.M.
4	" 12 "	York -	—	" 15 Noon.	" 17 5 P.M.
5	" 24 "	Yarmouth -	—	" 26 11½ P.M.	" 28 4½ P.M.
6	" 26 "	Chester -	—	" 30 Noon.	
7	" " 3 A.M.	Plymouth -	" 28 7 A.M.	" 28 12 P.M.	
8	" " 2 A.M.	Yarmouth -	—	" 29 10½ P.M.	
9	" " "	York -	—	" 29 Noon.	
10	" 28 "	Bristol -	" 29 5 A.M.	" 30 1 A.M.	
11	" " "	Derby -	—	" 29 2 P.M.	
12	" " "	Gloucester -	" 29 6 A.M.	" 29 10 P.M.	
13	" " "	Portsmouth -	" 28 9 P.M.	" 30 11 A.M.	
14	Nov. 7 "	*Edinburgh -	Nov. 11 9 A.M.	Nov. 14 2 A.M.	
15	" " "	Carmarthen -	" 10 8 A.M.	" 10 8½ A.M.	
16	" 14 "	Chester -	" 16 8 P.M.	" 16 12½ P.M.	Nov. 19 8 A.M.
17	" " "	Hull -	" 16 7 A.M.	" 16 7 A.M.	
18	" " "	Manchester -	" 16 9½ P.M.	" 17 9 A.M.	
19	" " "	Plymouth -	" 16 11 A.M.	" 17 3 A.M.	Nov. 19 8 A.M.
20	" " "	York -	—	" 17 Noon.	" " 11 A.M.
21	" 16 "	Bristol -	" 17 7 A.M.	" 18 1 A.M.	" " 3½ A.M.
22	" " "	Gloucester -	" 17 4 A.M.	" 17 9 P.M.	
23	" " "	Portsmouth -	" 16 7 A.M.	" 18 11 A.M.	
24	" 21 "	Chester -	" 22 7 P.M.	Nov. 24 Noon.	Nov. 26 7½ A.M.
25	" " "	Edinburgh -	" 25 9 A.M.	" 28 3 A.M.	
26	" 23 "	Gloucester. -	" 24 3 A.M.	" 24 10 P.M.	
27	" " "	Bristol -	" 24 5 A.M.	" 25 1 A.M.	Nov. 26 7 A.M.
28	" 25 "	Carmarthen -	" 28 9 A.M.	" 28 9½ A.M.	
29	" " "	Newcastle. -	—		
30	" 28 "	Chester -	" 29 8 P.M.	Dec. 1 Noon.	Dec. 3 7½ A.M.
31	" " "	Manchester -	" 29 9 P.M.	" 1 9 A.M.	
32	" " "	Plymouth -	" 30 9 A.M.	Nov. 30 12 P.M.	" " 7½ A.M.
33	" " "	Preston -	" 29 11 A.M.	" 29 7 P.M.	
34	" " "	Salop -	" 29 6 P.M.	" 30 11 A.M.	
35	" 30 "	Bristol -	Dec. 1 4 A.M.	Dec. 2 1 A.M.	
36	" " "	*Dover -	Nov. 30 9 P.M.	" 4 8½ A.M.	
37	" " "	Derby -	—	" 1 5 P.M.	
38	" " "	Gloucester -	Dec. 1 4 A.M.	" 1 10 P.M.	Dec. 3 4½ A.M.
39	" " "	Portsmouth -	Nov. 30 6 P.M.	" 2 11 A.M.	
40	" " "	Southampton -	" 30 10 P.M.	" 2 10 A.M.	
41	Dec. 2 "	*Edinburgh -	Dec. 6 2 A.M.	" 9 3 A.M.	
42	" " "	Chester -	" 3 3½ P.M.	" 5 Noon.	Dec. 7 5 A.M.
43	" " "	Manchester -	" 3 6½ P.M.	" 5 6 A.M.	
44	" " "	Salop -	" 3 4 P.M.	" 5 10 A.M.	
45	" " "	Preston -	" 4 9 A.M.	" 4 2 P.M.	
46	" " "	Plymouth -	" 4 8 A.M.	" 4 12 P.M.	Dec. 7 8½ A.M.
47	" " "	Yarmouth -	—	—	" " 8 A.M.
48	" 5 "	Edinburgh -	" 9 10 A.M.	" 12 3 A.M.	
49	" " 3 A.M.	Portsmouth -	" 5 8 P.M.	" 6 11 A.M.	
50	" " 2 A.M.	Gloucester -	" 6	" 6 3 A.M.	Dec. 7 4 A.M.
51	" 7 "	Newcastle -	" 9 9 P.M.		
52	" 9 "	*York -	—	" 12 Noon.	Dec. 14 11½ A.M.
53	" " "	Carmarthen -	" 12 4 P.M.	" 12 4½ P.M.	
54	" " "	Newcastle -	" 12 11 A.M.	" 12 11½ A.M.	

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No.	Time of starting from London.	To	Time of Arrival.	Time of Dispatch.	Time of Return to London.
55	Dec. 12 2 A.M.	Yarmouth -	—	Dec. 14 11½ P.M.	Dec. 16 7 A.M.
56	" " "	Chester -	Dec. 13 10 P.M.	" 15 Noon.	" 17 7 A.M.
57	" " "	Hull -	" 14 8 A.M.	" 15 7 A.M.	
58	" " "	Plymouth -	" 14 10 A.M.	" 14 12 P.M.	Dec. 17 9 A.M.
59	" " "	Manchester -	" 14 12 P.M.	" 15 10 A.M.	" 17
60	" " "	Preston -	" 14 1 P.M.	" 14 7 P.M.	
61	" " "	York -	—	" 15 Noon.	Dec. 17 10 A.M.
62	" 14 "	Derby -	—	" 15 5 P.M.	" 17
63	" " "	Portsmouth -	" 15 8 P.M.	" 16 11 A.M.	
64	" " "	Southampton -	" 14 8 P.M.	" 16 11 A.M.	
65	" " "	Yarmouth -	—	" 17 11 P.M.	Dec. 19 5 A.M.
66	" " "	Manchester -	" 15 9 P.M.	" 17 6 A.M.	" 19
67	" " "	Chester -	" 15 3 P.M.	" 17 Noon.	" 19 7 A.M.
68	" " "	Gloucester -	" 15 5 A.M.	" 15 9 P.M.	
69	" " "	Bristol -	" 15 4 A.M.	" 16 1 A.M.	Dec. 17 4½ A.M.
70	" " "	Hull -	" 16 8 A.M.	" 17 7 A.M.	
71	" " "	York -	—	" 17 Noon.	Dec. 19 7 A.M.
72	" 16 "	Bristol -	" 17 6 A.M.	" 18 1 A.M.	
73	" " "	Gloucester -	" 17 4 A.M.	" 17 10 P.M.	Dec. 19 5½ A.M.
74	" " "	Derby -	—	" 17 3 P.M.	
75	" 19 "	York -	—	" 22 Noon.	Dec. 24 1¼ P.M.
76	" 23 "	Edinburgh -	" 27 8 A.M.	" 30 3 A.M.	
77	" 26 "	Carmarthen -	" 29 9½ A.M.	" 29 10 A.M.	
78	" " "	Derby -	—	Jan. 2 5 P.M.	
79	" " "	Edinburgh -	" 30 Noon.	" 1 12 P.M.	
80	" " "	Plymouth -	" 28 10 A.M.	Dec. 28 12 P.M.	Dec. 31 11 A.M.
81	" " "	Chester -	" 27 10 P.M.	" 29 Noon.	" 31 11½ A.M.
82	" " "	York -	—	" 29 Noon.	" " 11 A.M.
83	" " "	Hull -	" 28 8 A.M.	" 29 7 A.M.	
84	" 28 "	Derby -	—	" 29 5 P.M.	
85	" " "	Gloucester -	" 29 2 A.M.	" 29 11 P.M.	
86	" " "	Edinburgh -	Jan. 1 7 A.M.	Jan. 4 3 A.M.	
87	" " "	Bristol -	—	—	Dec. 31 6½ P.M.
88	" " "	Newcastle -	Dec. 31 1 A.M.	Dec. 31 1½ A.M.	
89	" 29 "	Dover -	" 29 12 P.M.	Jan. 4 1 P.M.	
90	" 30 "	Manchester -	" 31 3 A.M.	" 2 9 A.M.	
91	" " "	Plymouth -	Jan. 1 11 A.M.	" 1 12 P.M.	Jan. 4 11½ P.M.
92	" " "	Edinburgh -	" 3 7 A.M.	" 6 3 A.M.	
93	" " "	Yarmouth -	—	" 2 11½ P.M.	Jan. 4 8 A.M.
94	" " "	Chester -	" 1 1 A.M.	" 2 Noon.	" 4 10 A.M.
95	" 31 "	Deal -	—	Dec. 31 5 P.M.	

96-105. Ten fragments of imperfect post labels.

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Admiralty Papers relating to the supply of stores for the Navy, containing—

I. Tenders of Goods, addressed to the Navy Comrs. by Merchants and Manufacturers, many of them with notes of replies to or proceedings on the said tenders, as follow :

No.	Date.	Name.	Article.	Terms.
1	Jan. 11	—	Masts	37l. 10s. to 14s.
2	" 12	—	Masts.	
3	" 17	Edmund King	Capstan bars.	
4	" 18	Robert Castell	Plank	4l. 10s. per load, ready money.
5		Edw. Grey	Masts	From 38l. to 6l. 10s.

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No.	Date.	Name.	Article.	Terms.
6	Feb. 8	Nathaniel Wheeler - - -	Elm timber - - -	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> per load.
7	" 10	Edw. Gray - - -	Masts.	
8	" 20	Sir Wm. Warren - - -	Oak and elm timber - -	2 <i>l.</i> 11 <i>s.</i> to 4 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per load.
9	" 26	John Dogett and Hugh Up- ton.	Riga and Rhine hemp - -	46 <i>l.</i> to 56 <i>l.</i> per ton.
10	March 6	[Wm.] Wood - - -	Masts, and bowsprits - -	33 <i>l.</i> to 1 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i>
11	" 8	[Wm.] Wood - - -	Suit of masts - - -	250 <i>l.</i> and 126 <i>l.</i>
12	" 13	Peter Rich - - -	Christiana deals - - -	9 <i>l.</i> per 100.
13	" 15	Robert Moorcock - - -	Deals - - -	2 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per load.
14	" 29	Peter Rich - - -	Christiana and Larwick deals	8 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per 100.
15	April 3	Robert Moorcock - - -	Oak and elm timber.	
16	" 3	Peter Rich - - -	Christiana and Larwick deals	8 <i>l.</i> per 100.
17	" 12	[Thos.] Papillion - - -	Flanders yarn.	
18	" 18	Edw. Dering - - -	Spruce deals - - -	10 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 1 <i>l.</i> per deal.
19	" 24	John Dogett and Hugh Up- ton.	Riga hemp - - -	47 <i>l.</i> to 57 <i>l.</i> per ton,
20	May 22	Peter Rich - - -	Christiana deals - - -	8 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> per 100.
21	" 24	Wm. Edgell - - -	Elm timber - - -	2 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> to 2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> per load.
22	"	— Bradley - - -	Pump chains, &c.	
23	July 24	Lord Byron - - -	Timber - - -	2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> to 3 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per load.
24	" 26	William Wood - - -	Masts - - -	34 <i>l.</i> to 85 <i>l.</i> each.
25	" 26	Gray and five others - -	Masts and spars - - -	Various prices.
26	Aug. 23	Rob. Mayors - - -	Gottenburg masts.	
27	" 28	Peter Blackborow - - -	Masts, timber, spars, &c.	Various prices.
28	Oct. 11	Mr. Kingsbury - - -	Oak and elm timber - -	3 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> to 2 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> the load.
29	"	— Seagood - - -	Spruce deals.	
30	"	—	1,000 tons of hemp - -	56 <i>l.</i> per ton, abating 3000 <i>l.</i> , or 3 <i>l.</i> per ton, towards ex- pense of a convoy.
31	"	Alex. Barnes - - -	Plank - - -	4 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> per load, on the pri- vate credit of the Navy Board.
32	"	Fras. Poyntz - - -	Bridewell sail-cloth - -	1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per yard.
33	"	Ralph Whistler and Wm. Buckler.	Rape oil - - -	31 <i>l.</i> the tun.
34	"	—	Masts - - -	7 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> to 35 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
35	"	Wm. Wood and Jos. Child -	Masts - - -	15 <i>l.</i> 0 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> to 100 <i>l.</i>
36	"	—	{ Timber - - -	3 <i>l.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> to 4 <i>l.</i> 4 <i>s.</i> a load.
			{ Planks - - -	15 <i>s.</i> per 1,000.
			{ Treenails - - -	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> to 8 <i>l.</i> per 1,000.

II. Contracts, or Drafts or Minutes of Contracts, &c., with
the Navy Comrs., for the purchase of goods, as follow:—

No.	Date.	Name.	Articles.
	1666.		
37	Jan. 18	William Chambers - - -	Timber.
38	March 14	Philip Colby - - -	Kerseys and cottons.
39	April 14	Richard Dowson - - -	Joiner's work on a third-rate ship.
40	" 14	Rich. Dowson - - -	Joiner's work on a fifth-rate ship.
41	"	Messrs. Bilton, Fras. Asty, and John Gould.	Hemp.
42	May 12	Robert Moorcock - - -	Timber.
43	" 12	— Westernne - - -	Timber.
44	" 15	Robert Moorcock - - -	Timber.
45	June 14	Capt. Cocks - - -	Holland duck.
46	Aug. 17	Chris. Cole - - -	Timber and treenails.
47	"	Nich Bradley - - -	Anchors.
48	"	Rd. Tyler - - -	Timber.
49	"	James Cristmas - - -	Carving work on the new ship building at Harwich.
50	"	Mr. Poynts, Robinson, and Moorcock -	Timber.

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III. Warrants from the Navy Comrs. to the Storekeeper and Clerk of the Cheque at Chatham, for receipt of goods delivered according to contract, as follow. Those with the contract endorsed on the warrant or annexed to it are distinguished by an asterisk, those marked thus† contain notes of the want at the storehouse of the articles contracted for.

No.	Date.	Name of the Contractor or Consignee.	Goods.	Quantity.	Terms.	Directions.
51	1666. Jan. 2	John Codde or Curd and John Gransden.	Burning reed - -	26,000 sheaves.		
52	" 4	Sir Wm. Warren -	Iron from Gotten- burg ships.			Bill to be made out to Sir W. Warren.
53	" 6	†Richd. Grinstead -	Birch brooms - -	525 dozen.		
54	" 9	John Curd - -	Burning reed - -	80,000 sheaves		
55	" 11	Roger Pannell -	{ Bush fagots - -	5,000.		
56		Anthony Norton -	{ Bushes - -	2,000.		
			Plank and timber -	6 loads of each		Master shipwright to certify its value.
57	" 18	*Wm. Chambers -	{ Large compass timber Straight oak timber - Compass and knee do. Elm do. - - Beech do. - -	40 loads 150 do. 10 do. 40 do. 20 do.	- 2l. 12s. per load - 2l. 10s. do. - 2l. 14s. do. - 2l. 6s. do. - 2l. 2s. do.	{ Bills to be paid as directed by the Act of Par- liament for rais- ing 1,250,000l.
58	" 22	*Thos. Wells -	{ Bricks - - Lime - -	50,000 60 loads	- 1l. per thousand - 18s. per load	{ Bills to be paid six weeks after date.
59	" 22	Robt. Halenacar -	Broom fagots -	8,000.		
60	" 22	*John Mason -	{ Straight oak timber - Compass oak - - " knee - - Straight oak - - Elm timber - -	800 loads 150 do. 50 do. 50 do. 120 do.	- 2l. 10s. per load - 2l. 14s. do. - 2l. 15s. do. - 1l. 18s. do. - 2l. 6s. do.	{ Bills to be paid as directed by the Act of Par- liament for rais- ing 1,250,000l.
61	" 27	James Starling -	{ Compass and knee timber. Elm and oak plank - Treenails - -	14 do. 58 do. 35,000	- - - - - -	{ The master ship- wright to take care that none is received unfit for the ser- vice.
62		Denis Gauden -	Tallow - -	2 tons.		
63	" 27	Ashley Bricklief -	{ Straight compass and knee oak timber. Treenails.	35 loads	-	The master ship- wright to certify his opinion of their value.
64	Feb. 16	†Edw. Smith -	Blocks - -	110 dozen.		
65		Francis Tyler -	{ Rape oil - - Black links - -	6 hogsheads. 100 dozen.		
66	" 26	†Wm. Attaway -	Boats.			
67	March 1	Edw. Batten -	Candles - -	53 dozen.		
68	" 6	Geo. Pierce -	Lathes - -	10 loads.		
69	" 9	Thos. Ashley -	{ Drift sand - - White sand - -	100 tons. 100 do.		
70	" 22	Henry Garner -	Charcoal - -	252 bushels.		
71	April 26	James Starling -	Compass timber -	20 loads		To be viewed by the master ship- wright.

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No.	Date.	Name of the Contractor or Consignee.	Goods.	Quantity.	Terms.	Directions.
72	1666. May 1	J. Wooldham	Charcoal	260 bushels.		
73	" 12	Rich. Hills	Ash for handspikes, &c.	20 loads	- - -	To be approved by the master shipwright.
74	" "	John Baynard	{ Brush bavins Ash and oak spires	2,500 14 loads	- - -	{ Ditto.
75	" 21	Thos. Haselden	{ Bricks Lime	10,000 10 loads	- - -	1l. per thousand. 18s. per load.
76	June 5	Christopher Cole	{ Plank Timber and treenails	19 do. 9 do.		
77	" 7	†Rich. Grinstead and Thomas Butler	Birch brooms	587 dozen.		
78	" 9	†Edw. Whitton	{ Boat oars Spars Baulks Handspikes Spruce deals	107 pairs 200. 36. 5 dozen. 20.		
79	" 18	John Wilde	{ Leather scuppers " buckets " hose Hides	80 dozen. 80 do. 10. 4 dozen.		
80	" 19	*Jarvis plesden	{ Ash Hornbeam	65 loads 2 do.	- - -	{ 1l. 8s. per load.
81	" 20	Robert Moorcock	Plank	100 do.	- - -	Master shipwright to certify as to the price.
82	" 23	†Edward Smith	Blocks	167 dozen.		
83	July 10	Edward Whitton	Deals, baulks, spars, and oars		- - -	To be approved by the purveyor.
84	Aug. 18	*Robert Moorcock	{ Oak timber "	50 loads 170 do.	- - -	2l. 17s per load. 3l. 3s. do.
85	" 25	James Marsh	{ Pinnaces Long boats	14 6	- - -	{ To be approved by the master attendant.
86		Stephen Lee	Blocks	100 dozen.		
87		Capt. Taylor	Plank	38 loads	- - -	To be viewed by the master shipwright.
88	Sept. 4	Edw. Smith	Elm timber	4 do.		
89	" 15	Charles Cooper	Press barrels	50.		
90	Oct. 16	†John Charles	Oak top hoops	8,000 feet.		
91	Dec. 29	Sir Wm. Rider	{ Tar Pitch	22 lasts. 12 do.		

IV. Weekly Reports or Bills of Mortality for London, Westminster, and the out-parishes adjoining, comprising the 97 parishes within the walls; 16 parishes without the walls; 12 out-parishes in Middlesex and Surrey, and 5 in Westminster. The reports were drawn up by the company of parish clerks, by filling up a printed form

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from which the bills, a small 4to half sheet, were printed for circulation; to these latter are appended the assize of bread, as set forth by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen. The papers marked R are parish clerk reports; those numbered are the mortality bills; those marked MS. are abstracts in MS. :—

No.	No. of Bill.	Date.		Christened.	Buried.	Died of Plague.	Increase of Plague.	Decrease of Plague.	Increase of Deaths.	Decrease of Deaths.	No. of oz. in Penny Loaf.
92	5	Jan.	16 to Jan.	23	149	272	79	—	—	103	10
93	9	Feb.	13 " Feb.	20	171	252	69	—	3	—	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
94	11	"	27 " March	6	160	238	28	14	1	—	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
95	12	March	6 " "	13	175	207	29	1	—	31	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
96	R.	"	13 " "	20	198	233	33	4	26	—	—
97	R.	April	10 " April	17	162	215	40	12	20	—	—
98	21	May	8 " May	15	129	236	58	5	2	—	13
99	R.	"	22 " "	29	119	201	20	11	—	2	—
100	24	"	29 " June	5	123	191	27	7	—	10	13
101	25	June	5 " "	12	127	197	31	4	6	—	13
102	26	"	12 " "	19	129	179	23	8	—	18	13
103	28	"	26 " July	3	136	222	35	2	—	1	14
104	MS.	July	3 " "	10	140	247	33	2	25	—	—
105	29	"	" " "	"	140	247	33	2	25	—	14
106	R.	"	10 " "	17	141	294	51	18	47	—	—
107	MS.	"	17 " "	24	142	326	48	3	32	—	—
108	MS.	"	31 " Aug.	7	159	336	42	4	—	5	—
109	34	Aug.	7 " "	14	145	332	48	6	—	4	14
110	35	"	14 " "	21	163	290	42	6	—	42	14
111	36	"	21 " "	28	149	266	30	12	—	24	14
112	37-39	"	28 " Sept.	18	606	704	104	—	—	—	14
113	MS.	Sept.	18 " "	25	250	256	31	—	—	—	—
114	40	"	" " "	"	250	256	31	—	—	—	14
115	41	"	25 " Oct.	2	239	224	23	8	—	32	14
116	44	Oct.	16 " "	23	242	210	16	8	—	28	14
117	49	Nov.	20 " Nov.	27	233	247	7	1	12	—	14
118	51	Dec.	4 " Dec.	11	220	260	4	2	14	—	14

V. Bills of Mortality for other towns. Two for the same date are given when they are not duplicates, but have been printed from separate types :—

No.	Date.				Chris-tened.	Buried.	Died of Plague.	
NORWICH.								
119	Jan.	12	to	Jan.	19	20	18	4
120	"	19	"	"	26	18	22	9
121	Feb.	28	"	March	7	21	18	4
122	March	28	"	April	4	15	20	8
123	June	20	"	June	27	14	40	27
124	"	27	"	July	4	21	54	40
125	"	"	"	"	"	21	56	42
126	July	4	"	"	11	13	87	63
127	"	11	"	"	18	10	107	87
128	"	18	"	"	25	8	154	137
129	"	25	"	Aug.	1	7	150	130
130	Aug.	1	"	"	8	11	195	171
131	"	8	"	"	15	4	200	181
132	"	15	"	"	22	8	220	203
133	"	22	"	"	29	11	190	180

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No.	Date.				Chris- tened.	Buried.	Died of Plague.
134	Aug.	29	to	Sept. 5	5	174	159
135	"	"	"	"	—	174	159
136	Sept.	5	"	" 12	12	154	135
137	"	12	"	" 19	7	155	140
138	"	"	"	"	7	155	140
139	"	19	"	" 26	7	150	139
140	"	26	"	Oct. 3	6	115	105
141	"	"	"	"	6	115	105
142	Oct.	3	"	" 10	7	111	103
143	"	"	"	"	7	111	103
144	"	10	"	" 17	4	137	127
145	"	17	"	" 24	15	75	68
146	"	24	"	" 31	9	67	58
147	"	31	"	Nov. 7	11	65	56
148	Nov.	7	"	" 14	6	46	31
149	"	14	"	" 21	13	41	30
150	"	21	"	" 28	15	19	15
151	"	28	"	Dec. 5	10	35	23
152	Dec.	5	"	" 12	9	36	23
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GREAT YARMOUTH.							
156	Jan.	19	to	Jan. 16	9	2	—
157	Feb.	16	"	Feb. 23	3	0	—
BRISTOL.							
158	Sept.	3	to	Sept. 10	14	0	6
COLCHESTER.							
159	Sept.	7	to	Sept. 14	24	22	13
160	"	14	"	" 21	18	15	6
161	"	28	"	Oct. 5	9	8	3

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PETITIONS, all addressed to the KING, unless otherwise specified.

1. Royal African Adventurers. By the taking their ships last year for the King's service and their losses in Africa, they are almost ruined, having only left the goods unladen from the ships seized last year at Portsmouth, by His Majesty's order; beg a convoy that they may proceed with them to the Gold Coast.

2. John Allen, merchant of London. For a warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to permit him to purchase the Alcida of Amsterdam, or the Erasmus of Rotterdam, laden with salt, he requiring such vessels for his fishing trade in Newfoundland.

3. John Allen, merchant. For licence to impress 20 men and a boy, his vessels lying in the Thames with perishable goods on board, and unable to sail, notwithstanding the removal of the embargo, for want of seamen. Noted "For the Council Board."

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4. Marquis of Atholl and Earl of Perth. For admission to his presence, from which they find themselves debarred by a proclamation which, they are informed, forbids persons to leave Scotland without licence, but to attend the forces there; their men have been dismissed by order of Council. [*With autograph signatures.*]

5. Merchants, Owners, and Commanders trading to the Barbadoes and Leeward Islands. For permission for their ships, now loaded, to proceed to the plantations with fitting convoy, for which they are now detained; the quantities of sugars and other goods left behind last year are so great that they will be able to load quickly, and return in time to serve in the next summer's expedition.

6. Capt. Richard Beach. For the Guinea or Elias prize ship; has spent large sums, and run great risks in naval services to His late Majesty, during the late wars, being prisoner five times and once condemned to die, but escaped; refused several high commands offered him under Gen. Blake and others, if he would serve under the late powers.

7. Louis Bellehache, in behalf of his kinsman Philip Bellehache. For an order to the Commissioners for prisoners of war for release of his said kinsman,—taken prisoner of war in the ship Ruby, and sent to Leeds Castle,—on condition of his departing the kingdom.

8. Mathurin Belot, *alias* [de] Lapinosière. For relief; had the place of first messenger of the privy closet 15 years to the late King, and received neither wages nor board wages, and lost 5,000*l.* by ammunition supplied to him. With note of reference to the Lord Treasurer.

9. Mathurin Belot [de la Pinosière]. Similar petition, but requesting leave to transport to France 500 chaldrons of sea coal, and bring back the value in French wines.

10. Mathurin Belot de la Pinosière. For money to pay his debts and take him back to France; details his services to the late King at Oxford and elsewhere, his appointment by his present Majesty at Stirling as first courier, his wounds and imprisonment at the battle of Worcester, &c.; has lost 5,000*l.* by his loyalty. [*French.*]

11. Mathurin Belot [de la Pinosière]. For licence to export 50 sacks of wool duty free, in recompense for his many services as detailed in his preceding petition. [*French.*]

12. Chas. Benasie, subject of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, owner of the St. Nicholas of Tolentino, taken in January 1666 by Sir Jeremiah Smith, and part of the goods sold at Tangiers. That he may redeem the rest of the goods now at Southampton, and ordered by Council to be sold by inch of candle.

13. — Bennet. For three-fourths of the goods embezzled from the prize ship Dragon, still remaining undiscovered, notwithstanding

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the diligence of the Commissioner for Prizes, on his discovering the same and paying one-fourth into the Exchequer. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

14. Mr. Bennet. Similar petition; adding a like request for embezzlements from a later prize, the St. John of Rotterdam.

15. Draft of the above. Marked "Mr. Hayes."

16. George Benyon. For insertion of his name, instead of that of his father, Sir George Benyon, who agrees thereto, in a grant of 250*l.* annuity, in lieu of the place of Commissioner of Excise, granted to the latter, but afterwards disposed of.

17. George Bowerman to the Navy Comrs., for a reasonable allowance for a house lent for the use of the Navy Office, during the pestilence in London. Also for compensation for damage done by the Marmaduke breaking loose, and running into two lighters that were carrying ballast to Woolwich for His Majesty's service, in February last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

18. Julian, wife of William Bradford. For a place in the Custom House for her husband, who lost 300*l.* at the sea fight at Sole Bay; her late father, George Denton, deputy governor of Carlisle, suffered much for his loyalty, and her brother George tries to defraud her of her just rights.

19. Col. Robert Broughton. For a grant of a fee-farm rent in Northamptonshire of 45*l.* a year, to prevent his being cast into prison for debts contracted in the royal service, his former petitions having proved ineffectual.

20. John Butler, M.A., chaplain to Prince Rupert. For a mandate to the University of Cambridge, of which he is a member, for his doctor's degree, a prebend at Windsor being promised him.

21. John Butler, clerk. For 100*l.* out of the prize money; served last summer as chaplain on board the Royal Charles, and is willing to serve again if needful, but having no support, has contracted great debts.

22. Martin Carslake, master attendant at Harwich, to Lord Admiral the Duke of York, for house or house rent and a coat, as usually allowed to master attendants; also for somewhat towards the payment of a man to assist him in his duties, ashore and afloat. [*Adm. Paper.*]

23. Susan Coe. For pardon of her husband, Wm. Coe of Rochester mariner, who being out of employment, and having much money owing to him on tickets by His Majesty, was forced by want to steal some gunpowder from the stores at Chatham, which he confessed, but for which his life is in danger.

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24. Daniel Collingwood. For remission, for 31 years, of the rent of 38*l.* for the royalty of Holy Island, which His Majesty has lately caused to be purchased, that he may keep the castle in better repair.

25. Thomas Cooke, groom of the privy chamber. Enjoyed his place before the Restoration, but being sent to France, and absent at the settlement of the grooms, was omitted; obtained an assistant's place on promotion of a former assistant as groom, on the death of Mr. May; begs that he may be allowed a salary as such, and be admitted the first vacancy.

26. Sir Anthony Desmarces, Bart., Lawrence Dupuy, and their associates. For a grant for seven years of the management of all lotteries in Scotland and the foreign plantations. Are much vexed by suits at law in the management of the lotteries in England, granted them for the benefit of the royal fishing.

27. Adrian Dumon, of Ostend. For a licence to go to Newcastle to fetch coals for London, in his ship the Four Friends of Ostend; is denied a passage at Gravesend, for want of it.

28. Henry Dunning, master of the Maid Adventure of London, to the Navy Comrs., for allowance of 40*l.* for services. Was employed to transport cables and other provisions from Chatham to Harwich, and thence to the fleet, then at the Buoy of the Gunfleet, and also to Sole Bay, to deliver provisions aboard the ships. Was ordered by Sir W. Penn to take the goods of his Royal Highness from on board the Royal Charles back to Harwich, and there remained until the return of the fleet. Had three freights, and was employed two months; his vessel was 70 tons burthen, and had four men; paid for both victuals and wages, yet his bill is only filled up for 10*l.* 10*s.*, though such vessels are allowed 18*l.* or 20*l.* a month, and the King finds victuals and wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

29. Sir And. Ricard, governor, and the East India Company. For permission for three ships, being all that in the present time of war they choose to adventure, to proceed; and for protection for 30 men, who are to go out for supply of the island of St. Helena.

30. Samuel Enys. For the reversion, after John Martin, of the place of Searcher at Plymouth and Fowey; supplied the late King with arms in Cornwall, and his present Majesty with moneys when abroad, &c.

31. Pedro and Jacomio Estolport and Sebastian Lamberton, merchants of Lisbon, to the Commissioners of Appeal, for a month's time to procure their papers, on which are grounded their appeal against the Court of Admiralty, who, for want of prosecution, adjudged their ship, the King Solomon, laden for the King of Portugal, a prize; the late visitation has hindered their appeal, their papers being prohibited entrance.

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32. Inhabitants of Farham parish. For an order to Col. Bullen Reymes to pay them 200*l.* due for taking care of sick seamen and soldiers, placed upon them by him as one of the Commissioners for taking care of the same. Have often vainly entreated payment, the seamen having been discharged two months.

33. Simon Flew, master of the James merchant ship of London, to Lord Arlington, for a letter requesting the Duke of Albemarle to fulfil his promise in giving him a command in the Navy. Did great things in defence of the ship Free Trade, taken in her return from Turkey by the Hollanders, killing 70 of the enemy with his own hand; was taken prisoner and released on exchange, and gave the Duke an account of affairs in Holland.

34. John Lord Frescheville. For some bounty to help him to bear the expense of commanding at York, whither he was sent in 1665 to remain with 40 horse added to his troop; commanded there in 1663, when 21 persons were executed for the rebellion.

35. Thomas Fuller, D.D. For presentation to the vicarage of Newark-upon-Trent.

36. Edward Furlonge. For a better allowance than 7*l.*, in consequence of having his chin shot away and his under jaw broken in the last engagement with the Dutch. Noted "Sir Wm. Coventry."

37. Cornelis Gerritte to Lord Arlington. For a pass for a Dutch vessel, the Figtree of Rotterdam, to go to Portugal and lade salt for Sweden or Hamburg, in order to compensate his charge in setting out the vessel which brought over his lordship's lime trees; being unable at Rotterdam to obtain a pass for England, was obliged to enter his ship for France, and could therefore neither bring over nor take back any merchandise.

38. Charles Gifford. For an order to the Lord Treasurer to appoint Mat. Bennet of Wells, co. Somerset, and Edm. Macks of Sarum, co. Wilts, receivers of poll moneys in their respective counties. This will redress his necessities, being in great extremity, but there being no money.

39. Charles Gifford. For recommendation to the Lord Treasurer for a sum out of some moneys not yet anticipated. Has exhausted his fortune, and his friends—being engaged for 1,000*l.* for him,—will be ruined this term. Marked, "100*l.* out of prizes."

40. Charles Gifford. For the reversion of Mr. Wardour's place in the Pell Office. Having miscarried in a former grant made to him, the friends who have taken up money for his support will suffer if his creditors cannot speedily be paid.

41. Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Gillott, of Portsmouth, to the King and Council, for reference to Sir Wm. Berkeley, deputy governor

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of Portsmouth, or some other, of false allegations against her husband, arrested by order of Council for speaking dangerous words. He advanced 500*l.* out of his own estate to supply the fleet on the expedition to import His Majesty into his kingdom.

42. Mary Greaves. For the money parted with for His Majesty's use at Worcester; she received a grant of 3,000*l.* and a promise of 10,000*l.* more on anything she could find out; can find nothing, and is detained at great charge, suing for 1,300*l.*, the balance still unpaid of the 3,000*l.*; earnestly entreats its speedy payment.

43. Peter Griffith and his wife to Lord Arlington, that Dan. De la Fabvollière, who has abused, beaten, arrested, and defamed them in malice, may be compelled to make reparation or abide a trial at law. Have obtained two executions against him, but he pretends counterfeit protections, and is known to be a dangerous and ungrateful person. *Annexing,*

43. I. *Statement that Dan. De la Fabvollière said, on the sale of Dunkirk to the French, that the King of France had more money, if the King of England had more land, boasted of the French victories, and said they would soon come and cut all our throats.*

43. II. *Address of Peter Griffith of St. Stephen's Alley, noted Sam. Browne and his wife.*

44. Willm. Hake, an able seaman, to the Duke of Albemarle, for a reprieve, that he may be transported or hazard his life in sea service. Engaged in the fight against the Dutch, 3 June 1665; was concerned in the robbery of the house of Sibley Skeale, and discovered certain felons to the Lord Chief Justice, relying on the proclamation, but is likely to lose his life, on misinformation that he has robbed another house since.

45. Joane Hall. For change of sentence from death to transportation; is accused on malicious evidence as accessory to a robbery. Her father, John Davies, waterman, lost his boat in conveying gentlemen to His Majesty when abroad, and stayed in the Constant Reformation till she sank.

46. Abraham, son of Lawrence Halsted, late merchant of London. For a grant of the ship Charity of St. Malo, brought in as a prize to Plymouth, on surrender of a letter of His Majesty for a loan of 100*l.* lent him in 1659. His father lent many thousands of pounds to the late King, no part of which is repaid. *Annexing,*

46. I. *The King to Abraham Halsted. Requests the loan of 100*l.* on promise to repay it as soon as able. With receipt of the same of Wm. Tomson. [Copy.]*

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47. Abraham Halsted, citizen of London. That 65*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* due from him, Edm. Buckridge, and Stephen Barecroft, as salvage for their ship taken by the Dutch, but retaken by Sir John Norborough, may be allowed him, on account of 100*l.* lent by him to His Majesty in 1659.

48. Frances, relict of Capt. James Hare. For present maintenance. Her husband disposed of an estate of 5,000*l.* to serve the late King, and her two sons were killed in the late engagements at sea.

49. James Harrison and Chidiock Paulet, keepers of the privy lodgings and galleries at Whitehall. For 100*l.* or 200*l.* from the privy purse, or otherwise, of the arrears of their salary and board wages, for which 500*l.* is due to them from the coffery, and 139*l.* from the treasury for disbursements; have received nothing, though they have had hard and long waiting, and are now left at Whitehall to wait and lodge; cannot live without meat and drink.

50. Peter Hayley, of Salisbury. For employment against the Dutch; served the late King as gentleman of the ordnance and master of fireworks under Prince Maurice, at Lyme and elsewhere, with a waggon and three forges; was five times in prison and banished; could fire Dutch ships a mile off, without a fire-boat. No effect followed the reference on his petition in 1665 to Col. Sir Phil. Honeywood and others.

51. David Hays, soldier. For relief, by pension or otherwise. Has served at home and abroad, and in the regiment of foot guards till commanded to sea, where he broke his leg, and lost both eyes; having no ticket delivered, nor means of maintenance, is like to perish.

52. Willm. Helyar, of East Coker, co. Somerset. For leave to the dean and canons of Exeter to grant him a new lease of Berry farm, Branscombe parish, co. Devon; lost most of his estate in service of the late King, and sent a considerable sum to His Majesty beyond seas.

53. Henry Lord Herbert. For reversion of the manor of Caldecot, with Newton and Maghor, co. Monmouth, long enjoyed by his ancestors, and lying intermixed with their ancient inheritance, but granted in 1639 to John Carey, on suggestion of improvement by enclosure of the common, a thing which his ancestors would never do, for fear of hazarding the affections of their tenants.

54. James Hickes, clerk in the post office. That for his long services in the office, and his constancy in keeping it open during the plague, he may have an order to the Commissioners of Prizes, to deliver to him some brown and white sugar granted to him by His Majesty from the ship *Esperance* of Nantes, condemned as a prize at Plymouth.

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55. Jas. Hickes, senior clerk in the letter office. For some compensation and support; details his services in conveying inland and foreign letters for the late King, and his hazard in attending to the dispatch of His Majesty's letters during the late plague, having been 30 years in the office. [2 pages.]

56. Edw. Holford, merchant of London. For a pass for his ship to bring to England certain perishable goods which he has at Rotterdam, when he will bring at his own charges all English prisoners whom he finds there; also to return with Dutch prisoners and lawful goods, having a pass from the Prince of Orange.

57. Col. Marmaduke Holtby. For relief; served the late King and His Majesty in England, Scotland, and Flanders, spending an estate of 600*l.* a year; has had several boons, but none of any avail, except the place of gentleman pensioner, for which he has never received a penny since he was sworn, five years ago; being turned out of his house and lands which he hitherto held from the Duke of Buckingham, has become an object of charity.

58. Eliz., wife of Willm. Houghton, of Lord Gerard's troop of Life Guards. For the decision of disputes between herself and her husband, so as to secure her a competent maintenance; married him for good liking, without consent of her mother, thereby lessening her own fortune, but although he has 80*l.* a year beside his salary, he left her nine years ago, in great distress.

59. Bernard Howard. For the remainder, vested in the Crown, of the manor of Oken, Surrey, granted by King James to Sir Edw. Zouch and his heirs males, several of whom are yet living.

60. Thos. Ibson. For release of 33 pieces of sail duck, much wanted here, and some tobacco, which he ordered Thos. Corney, an English merchant at Amsterdam, to send by land to Ostend for London; but Corney, to save charge, sent them by sea from Flushing to Ostend, and they were taken prize by the Duke of Lenox's pleasure boat.

61. John Jenkins. For a pass to Madeira for his ship, the Charles of Lancaster, now lying at Bristol, and let out for freight to several merchants of that place, and insured for 1,000*l.*

62. Ann, widow of Capt. Johnson, commander of the Little Gift in this Dutch war, to the King and Council, for the gift of some old decayed ship or small prize, in recompense for the loss of her husband, whose wounds in the late King's service broke out afresh, and he died at Dublin in December last, having spent his whole estate of 40*l.* in long attendance to obtain a command.

63. Rich. Kirkby. For payment of 500*l.* or part thereof, lent by his father-in-law, Dr. Thos. Eden, on privy seal to the late King, and

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come to him in right of his wife ; is much reduced by great sufferings and vast expense in His Majesty's service.

64. Nicholas Pillars la Brie. For payment of 18*l.* due to him for his work as gardener, at 2*s.* a day, from Dec. 1664 to June 1665, in the royal gardens, St. James's, under the gardeners Mollet, now both dead ; came from France with some trees brought over by them. [*French.*]

65. Similar petition to the same effect. [*French.*]

66. Thos Lambert and Mary his wife. For the customs on 2,000 pieces of Holland linen, to enable them to drive a trade in their old age. Were obliged to save their lives by leaving the country six years, for their diligence in convoying the Princess Henrietta from her barbarous enemies to the Queen-Mother in France ; are injured by searches in their millinery ware and lace for French commodities.

67. Rowland Laugharne. For a warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer of prizes, to pay to him from the sale of prizes 3,050*l.* ; in 1661 was ordered 3,000*l.* on the arrears of excise, but has only received 1,225*l.* ; in 1662, had a grant of a pension of 500*l.* on which is due 1,275*l.* ; his debts are now 8,000*l.* *Annexing,*

67. I. *Form of a warrant for the said grant from the sale of prizes.*

68. Anna Le Grand, widow. For payment of the arrears of her pension, Barnard Elston, one of her creditors, now lying in prison for her.

69. Anna Le Grand. To the same effect. Her pension is 1½ years in arrears. *Annexing,*

69. I. *Form of a warrant for speedy payment of 375*l.* arrears of Madame Le Grand's pension of 300*l.**

70. Anna Le Grand. For a sum of money to clear her debts, in lieu of her pension, the nonpayment of which reduces her to great extremities.

71. Chas. Llewelin, underkeeper of the house and privy lodgings at Windsor. For an order to Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, to pay him 100*l.* in part of three years' arrears of his allowance and disbursements, for which, though his bills are allowed, he has not received a penny.

72. Sir Francis Mackworth. For the reversion of the place of Mr. Hussey, searcher at Gravesend, which has been granted in reversion several times since the Restoration. *Annexing,*

72. I. *Statement of the several grants and reversions of the said place made since the Restoration.*

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73. — Mariett and others. The Merchant Adventurers' Company borrowed from them 75,000*l.*, originating from a debt of 50,000*l.*, money lent to King James in 1617; since 1664, they have paid neither principal nor interest, and will not unless their power to raise money for that purpose be confirmed by Parliament. Request leave to bring in a bill to that effect.

74. Gregory May, of the Foot Guards. For renewal of his patent for collecting charity in six counties, towards his losses by fire in Shadwell parish in 1665; lost the benefit of his former grant, because the great and dreadful sickness prevented his collecting until the time was elapsed.

75. Daniel Menessier, silk weaver of Tours, in Touraine, to Lord Arlington, for a pass to go into France, on account of the death of a friend, the times being very difficult to pass the seas.

76. Several English Merchants. For discharge of the madders brought over by them in their ship the Fisher, with the Duke of York's pass, in which they also brought over several English prisoners, exchanged at their own charge; their order for discharge was for deals and pantiles, and they had none such on board; all other ships with such passes are discharged.

77. William Miller, of Edinburgh. For a patent for a Knight Baronet, to preserve his family from perishing; details his loyal services.

78. Col. Guy Molesworth. For relief or employment, or assistance to return to Virginia. Received 25 wounds in the royal service, and in 1650 was banished to Barbadoes; was afterwards commanded for Portugal, and on his return good was promised him, but after three years' attendance, nothing is granted.

79. Sir Thos. Mompesson. For erection and grant to himself of the office of Registrar or Remembrancer for Wiltshire, for three lives, to register evidences of lands, bonds, &c., in order to prevent fraudulent practices in conveyance of property, as is found needful in several counties. Adhered to His Majesty when there was least hope of reward; being in arms in 1655, was indicted of high treason, forced beyond seas, and all his estate given by Cromwell to his accomplices, and not restored till the Restoration.

80 Thos. Morley, messenger of the Chamber and Navy Office, to the Navy Comrs., that his bills may be forthwith paid, or that he may have an imprest to satisfy his debts. Has laid out several sums of money, and is daily continuing to do so, for letters, parish dues, rent of ticket office, &c.; has received no salary, and is largely out of pocket and threatened for debt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

81. Samuel Moyer, merchant of London. For release, on giving bail for his appearance, promising to submit to government, and

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taking the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy; confesses that he formerly acted with the usurping powers, but denies doing anything to disturb the government since the Restoration; has been restrained of liberty five years on suspicion, without any proceeding or proof against him.

82. Samuel Moyer. Similar petition for reference of his sufferings to some of the Council, and for release if nothing appear against him.

83. Henry Nevill. For a reward as encouragement of future service. He and others discovered at their own cost papers and orders that entitled His Majesty to great sums due from the East India Company, by virtue of a charter granted to them by Cromwell; they explained the same to the Lord Treasurer, and divers of the company said they would give a purse of gold for a pardon; the vacation coming in, the company have had time to procure the pardon, though the sum that could have been proved is little less than 100,000*l.*; has thus enabled His Majesty to oblige a large body of his subjects.

84. Olle Nilson, master of the Swedish ship Sampson of Gottenburg, to Lord Arlington, for leave to return to his ship and prosecute his voyage; was secured by the governor of Gravesend, and kept by a messenger, at great expense, without any cause shown.

85. Capt. Terence O'Brien. For 10*l.* a month maintenance till restored to his estate. Served 14 years in France and Flanders, in the Duke of York's regiment; was volunteer at sea in the last engagement, but has had no employment nor restoration to his estate in Ireland.

86. A few of the Reformed Officers who served beyond seas till the reducement of Mardike. For an order for Sir Stephen Fox to pay them the allowance now in arrears, granted them by His Majesty's commiseration, of 20*d.* a day each captain, and 10*d.* each lieutenant and ensign, and also a private soldier's pay in each of the garrisons where they are distributed.

87. Thos. Papillon to the Commissioners for Prizes, for an order from the Duke of Albemarle to the East India Company to pay to Sir George Carteret 806*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, due to him for goods delivered for the Navy a year ago, from the sums which they expect to receive on account of the two Dutch ships, Phoenix and Slothany.

88. John Payne, clerk of the carriages. For a pensioner's place amongst the officers paid by Sir Stephen Fox. Has served His Majesty since the first establishment of his household at Richmond; was in the wars, and taken prisoner at the battle of Worcester, but was excluded from the grant of money to the soldiery, and from the plate lottery.

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89. John Peart and Philip Bell. On the proclamation of August, 1660, they sued John and Edward Backwell before the commissioners in the Savoy, for defrauding and concealing vast sums from His Majesty, but the latter, to prevent proceedings, imprisoned Peart on a false plea of debt, and offered Bell 300*l.* to forbear to assist him, whereby the said frauds were pardoned. Beg an order for the said Backwells to pay them for their six years' prosecution and self defence. Peart can prove 40,000*l.* a year of crown lands detained and unlawfully concealed.

90. John Peart and Philip Bell. To the same effect.

91. Willm. Pierce, waterman, of Richmond. For an order to Wm. Greene, collector for cos. Northampton and Leicester, to pay him a legacy left to his wife by her sister, Sarah Hussey, to whom Greene is executor.

92. Col. Robt. Philipps. For a commission to enquire into the lands and leases in Ireland and England bought by the Dutch and other aliens naturalized during the usurpation, which, with the arrears, being not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, are escheats; also for a grant of some portion thereof to himself, for his labour, &c., in the prosecution.

93. Col. Robt. Philipps. For the lands left by Phil. Skippen, major-general of the late rebel's army, and by him devised to his three daughters, who being born of a Dutch woman, are aliens, and therefore the lands are escheated.

94. Sir Rich. Prideaux. For a special warrant for reimbursement to him of 300*l.* spent in an exact survey of the duchy of Cornwall, whereby His Majesty's revenue is increased to nearly 3,000*l.* a year.

95. Anne, widow of John Quinn. For payment of 150*l.* arrears of a pension of 100*l.* granted to her husband and herself, with 244*l.* due for his lodging out of Court at 20*s.* a week. Is threatened with imprisonment for his debts.

96. Robert Reynolds, carver at Portsmouth yard, to the Navy Comrs., for a bill of imprest for 100*l.* to carry on the new work. Has more than that amount due for fitting several ships, and made several tedious journeys to London, but cannot obtain a penny. [*Adm. Paper.*]

97. Thos. Ridgway, purser of the Centurion, to the Navy Comrs., to cause the victualler to take some speedy course to send down the provisions, as he is in danger of leaving them behind. The ship is bound for the Straits, and waiting at the Nore ready to sail, but is delayed for want of a portion of her beer. Has expended three weeks' dry provisions out of his sea victuals, because the victualler could not send down the petty warrant victuals during the frost. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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98. Captain Michael Russell and the Owners of the Constant Katharine, bound for Barbadoes. For liberty to proceed with their intended voyage, and allowance for 25 men to navigate the ship, as the recall of their protection will be ruinous to them.

99. Edward Rymill. Stood bound in 1,000*l.* for the Earl of Bath in the time of his deepest need, and was seized and his goods taken for 222*l.*, a debt of the said Earl's ; has been two years in prison, and his family have not a bed left to lie upon ; but on their petition to the Earl, they were threatened to be whipped out of court. Begs an order to the Earl to pay the 222*l.*, with satisfaction for the loss of his goods and imprisonment. Marked "The 22nd petition."

100. Edw. Rymill. To the same effect. Marked "The 27th petition."

101. Mary, relict of Rear-Admiral Sansum, slain June 3, 1665. For additional bounty, her husband being a flag officer ; Lady Mings had 500*l.* additional on her petition in January last, her Majesty ordered her to present it through the Duke of York, when he would do something for her.

102. Mary, relict of Rear-Admiral Sansum. That the grant of 500*l.* made her from the Prize Office may be paid at some other place, Lord Arlington being fearful that there will be no money paid there.

103. Mary, relict of Robt. Sansum, late Rear-Admiral under Prince Rupert, to the Council. For an order to Sir John Skelton and Chris. Warren of Plymouth, who have in custody certain prize goods, taken from the Dutch by her late husband and granted to her, to deliver them up before more of them are embezzled.

104. The Sewers of the Chamber. For the same privilege as the rest of their fellow servants, to receive fees in future from baronets, the same as for other titles of honour.

105. The Gentlemen Sewers of the Chamber. To the same effect.

106. The pressed Workmen and Labourers at Sheerness to the Navy Comrs., for more pay for extra work since Midsummer than two tides a day. Are at great charges, having neither small beer nor water within three miles of the place, and being bound to one house for provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

107. Edward Silvester, anchorsmith of Portsmouth, to the Navy Comrs, for payment forthwith of a considerable sum upon his bills. Contracted to serve the stores with all sorts of ironwork, to be paid for upon the delivery of every 5 tons, but though 25 tons, besides new and old anchors, have been delivered, has received no money, and cannot go on with the chain work, buy Spanish iron or coals, or pay wages ; a supply would enable him to serve 30 or 40 anchors wanted at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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108. Edward Silvester, anchormith of Gosport, to the Navy Comrs. Was taken off from the chain works, and has spent all his stock of iron provided for it upon other works, and such another quantity of Spanish iron is not to be had; begs leave to serve the stores with anchors, and to buy, at a reasonable rate, a parcel of iron now in the stores fit for making them. [*Adm. Paper.*] *An-
nexing,*

108. *Edward Silvester to [the Navy Comrs. ?] Requests leave to make good 2,000*l.* worth of anchors lying in the yard, which he will do for one fourth of their worth, although they have usually been sold for half. With note to allow him iron at Dr. Perrin's price for all his bills.*

109. Willm. Slew, master, and four Merchants connected with the ship William and John of London. For an order to the Commissioners of Prizes for leave to bring their ship into the river. Took on board a Spanish captain and 20 seamen, for protection on his return from Teneriffe, but the vessel was taken by two Dutch capers, who tortured them because they would not discover to whom it belonged, and at length two English frigates took the vessel and carried her into Falmouth.

110. John Sumner, messenger of the chamber. For protection in the execution of His Majesty's orders; in 1665, took John Marshall and others into custody, on the Lord Chamberlain's warrant, for arresting Sir George Hamilton for a debt of 600*l.*, and now they sue him at common law, as having rescued Hamilton by force, whereby they have lost their debt.

111. John Swaffield, of New Sarum, clerk. For release from prison; is penitent for saying that he was told His Majesty would neither disown nor recall his licences; the words were uttered in self defence and not to spread false news nor excite discord; is ill and has a large family.

112. Margaret Symmes and others to Lord Arlington, for a fair hearing before the Lord Treasurer, being in great distress, and their families likely to perish; also that Sir Nicholas Strode and Wm. Wandesford may bring in their accounts relative to Marybone Park, made over by Charles I. to pay for making gunpowder and an artillery train; his lordship sent for their petition and reference, as concerning their title therein, and they cannot get it back.

113. Dame Helen Thornborough. For relief, being reduced to a small maintenance, got by her fingers' ends; is daughter and heiress of Sir John Acton, near Worcester, married Sir John Thornborough, son to Thornborough, bishop of Worcester; was ever faithful during the usurpation, supporting her three sons in the King's service, two of whom died in it; lost her dowry of 8,000*l.*, and her whole estate at Worcester.

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114. Frances, widow of Capt. Wm. Thornton. For a pension or relief; her husband was turned out of Hull by Sir John Hotham, 27 May 1642, for his loyalty, and plundered of all he had there, value 5,000*l.*; he advanced 2,500*l.* at York for the army, served all the war, and suffered by sequestration and imprisonment to the value of 20,000*l.*

115. Rich. Tolson to Lord Treas. Southampton. For renewal to himself and his son Henry for life of the lease of the tithes of Bridekirk Church, co. Cumberland, enjoyed by his ancestors for many years, and of small value, on account of late enclosures of common fields. [*Draft.*]

116. George Tomlin, embellisher, His Majesty's flourisher and writer. For an order to the Lord Treasurer to order Sir Rob. Long to issue debentures for payment to him, or to Sir Edw. Griffin for himself, of 266*l.* due to him for four years past.

117. George Torriano, merchant of London. For release of his ship the St. John, laden with French wines, kid skins, &c., brought to Portsmouth by the Hampshire frigate, that she may use the benefit of the present convoy from Portsmouth to London.

118. Clement Toulson. For a reprieve; is found guilty of murder, for inflicting a mortal wound on a watchman, in a drunken quarrel.

119. Walter Underhill, the King's purveyor of freshwater fish. That his debentures for purchase of two parcels of eels, sold from a Dutch prize ship, may pass as ready money, His Majesty being indebted to him 1,385*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* for supply of freshwater fish for 26 years past.

120. Diana, relict of Sir Joseph Van Coulster, Bart. For a grant of the prize ship, the Hope of St. Malo, now at Plymouth; has no dependence for herself and three small children, but on His Majesty.

121. Paul Williamson Vandenberg, master of the ship Court of Cleve. For an order for release of his ship, which was seized bringing in French wines for English merchants, but ordered by the Admiralty Court to be released; it is now seized again as belonging to the States of Holland, whereas he lives at Wesel, under the Elector of Brandenburg.

122. Giles Vanier, servant to the Duke of Monmouth. For assistance; in 1665 tried to release his then master, Sir George Hamilton, from the endeavour of a messenger to arrest him at suit of John Marshall, who was after arrested by order of the Lord Chamberlain, and Hamilton set at liberty; is sued at common law for rescuing Hamilton, whereby his creditors pretend loss of their debts.

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123. Derick Vanstable, master of the ship St. Anne of Nieuport. His vessel laden with wines, &c., from Bourdeaux, was taken 1st Aug. off the Isle of Wight; the Admiralty Court ordered its restoration, but the Commissioners for Prizes say that, at Prince Rupert's orders, most of the wines are taken out for the fleet, and the rest sold. Begs satisfaction for the same, and possession of his vessel.

124. Thos. Watson to the King and Duke of York, for an order to the Commissioners of wine licences to restore to him his right of setting up three taverns in York; kept the George Inn there during the time of the war and siege, and on surrender of the town, was imprisoned 18 months, and had to sell all he had to pay 1,500*l.*, which he, with others, was engaged for in the late King's service; since the Restoration, has suffered in loss of shipping by the Ostenders, and his ship, the Endeavour of Selby, was taken last May by the Hollanders; also loses 50*l.* a year by being deprived of five wine licences; served eight months in the Life Guard, but being ill, was dismissed without recompense; has since been in Lord Frescheville's troop, which is now ordered to York. *An-*
nexing,

124. I., II. *Receipts by William Dickins of the rent due by Thos. Watson for retailing wines in York, being 30s. the half year. July 1 and Dec. 12, 1637.*

124. III. *Certificate by Chris. Topham, mayor, and eight aldermen of York, to the loyalty and losses of the petitioner. [Copy.] June 1, 1660.*

124. IV *Certificate by Edw. Elwick, mayor of York, and six others, in favour of the petitioner. [Copy.]*

125. Mary, relict of Lieut. James Watts. For relief; her husband conveyed letters to His Majesty at Cologne and elsewhere, at his own charge; he hazarded his life, was long an officer in Holland, where he married the petitioner, but returned to serve His Majesty at the beginning of the war, died in the service, and her property in Holland was seized and destroyed on account of the war.

126. Lieut.-Col. Rich. Wigmore, of Herefordshire. For the place of paymaster to the gentleman-pensioners, notwithstanding the objection that the late paymaster has advanced money out of his own purse, for which he is yet unsatisfied.

127. John Wilde to the Navy Comrs. There is 800*l.* due to him on bills signed, for leather hose, buckets and scuppers, served into the stores at Chatham; other goods to the amount of 300*l.* are required, which he will supply if payment is made of his bill. Begs some sum, by imprest or otherwise, that he may answer his present great demands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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128. Mayor, Aldermen, and chief Inhabitants of New Windsor. For a contribution to a design intended chiefly for His Majesty's satisfaction and that of his servants, of pitching the main streets with flint and stone; the town is much forsaken by the gentry, and the burden of the poor become so great thereby that many of the better householders leave; the town can contribute therefore little more than good wishes, hands, and spades to the work.

129. Beatrice, relict of Col. James Zouch, of Oking. For relief; her husband left a fair estate in Hampshire and Surrey to serve the late King, and was plundered, sequestered, &c.; her loss as his executrix is unparalleled, and she understands that His Majesty considers such eminent sufferers.

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1. Report of the Master and Brethren of Trinity House, on the petition of Hugh Butler for erecting a lighthouse near the mouth of Milford Haven, that such a lighthouse would be of great benefit, and that the petitioner should have 2*d.* a ton on all British ships and 4*d.* a ton on foreign ships making use of the said light. [*With eight original signatures.*]

2. Reference on Mr. Godolphin's petition to the Committee of Council for the affairs of the Admiralty and Navy, who are to report what can be done to give him satisfaction for his expenses and encouragement in like occasions. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

3. Reference of Sir John Heath's petition to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. *Annexing,*

3. 1. *Memorial presented by Sir John Heath to the King. Recapitulates his services, as counsellor-at-law, to the late and present Kings since 1642, wholly at his own charge; his eldest brother who supplied him with money had a warrant for the fee farm of certain lands, worth 200*l.* a year above the rent, but which were given after the Restoration to Sir Rich. Ingoldsby instead, therefore he has had to repay his brother above 1,000*l.* Has had many promises, but has received nothing, except the office of attorney of the duchy of Lancaster, worth 200*l.* a year. Begs an answer to certain requests which he intends to offer.*

4. Reference on a petition not named to the Lord Treasurer, who, if he find it true, is to order a privy seal for the arrears mentioned to whomsoever the petitioner shall appoint. Also,

Reference on the petition of the Earl of Mulgrave to the Lord Treasurer who is to certify what the Earl's interest is in the manors

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of Mulgrave and Seaton and the alum mines, and their value, when the King will declare his further pleasure.

5. Report [by Lord Chancellor Clarendon] on a petition about fens and enclosures, that it is mere matter of right and law, and that the King has nothing to do with it, for he could not give orders for throwing down enclosures which were probably made by decree of court or agreement with the parties.

6. Order to Lord Treasurer Southampton and Lord Ashley,—on petition of the Wardrobe creditors, representing the utter ruin which will be brought upon them and other poor artificers and workmen, for want of payment,—that one moiety of their debts be fixed on the customs and the other on the excise, and tallies levied accordingly, as the 20,000*l.* intended them last Michaelmas cannot be paid in convenient time.

Whitehall.

7. Note for a licence to Arthur Earl of Anglesey to come from Ireland to England and stay six months, on the business and at the request of his daughter, Lady Frances Wyndham.

8. Note of warrants for 500*l.* to Visct. Andover, on a privy seal dormant, and 500*l.* more from prizes; and of 200*l.* from prizes for Sir W. Jennings.

9. Note of a pass for Thos. Bromley to convey five horses sent by the King to his nephew, the Prince of Orange, custom free.

10. Pass for Sieur de la Roche, late commander of the French ship Ruby, taken by Prince Rupert, the King being pleased to dismiss him, on account of services heretofore done by him. [*Draft.*]

Constitution of Robt. Huntingdon, Rich. Kingdon, John James, jun., and Wm. Forth, as Commissioners of Excise in London, Westminster, Southwark, Middlesex, and Surrey, South Mims excepted, with allowance of 2,000*l.* a year. [*Docquet.*]

Warrant for a yearly livery of 40*l.* to James Watson, groom of the robes, in the place of John Duncombe, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Whitehall.

11. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes, to pay to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the Guards, 1,552*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* monthly, from 10 June last, for the pay of the Scotch regiment of foot commanded by George Lord Douglas, which came lately out of France. [*Copy.*]

12. Privy seal for Sir Stephen Fox, for 50,000*l.* for the new raised forces; 35,000*l.* for 22 companies in Sir Chris. Wray and Col. Rob. Sydney's regiment; and 12,000*l.* for Lord Douglas's Scotch regiment, total 97,000*l.*; all to be paid by directions from the Lord General, during the present war. Minute.

13. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox still to continue to employ the first Royal aid raised in cos. Wilts, Gloucester, and Dorset, for payment of the King's guard, and that raised in Salop for the gar-

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risons, although he has given information to Parliament what moneys are unpaid by the said counties. Also,

Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 20,000*l.* from the moneys arising from the late Poll Bill, for defence of the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Scilly, and Wight, during the present war with the Dutch; and 10,000*l.* more for payment of the Scotch regiment under George Lord Douglas, which has lately deserted the French King's service, and must be kept up during the war. [*Drafts.*]

14. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to Adrian May, keeper of the new gardens, 2,000*l.* from moneys remaining of the East India prizes taken in 1665, to be spent on gardens at Greenwich and Hampton Court. Minute. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

15. Warrant to Major John Miller to search for and seize any suspected persons and arms found in the dwelling house of Lady Rolles, Black and White Court, Old Bailey. Minute. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

16. Note for an order to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver to the Navy Officers 2,750 bars of iron and 600 deals, brought in by Capt. Wetwyng in the Warspite, from a prize taken by him.

17. Grant to Capt. Wetwyng of 400*l.* out of the proceeds of a prize lately taken by him, for his just and careful management therein. Minute.

18. Commission to the Earl of Ogle to be Governor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with command of the militia, orders to exercise them, &c. Also,

Commission to Col. Edw. Villiers to be Lieut.-governor of the same. [*Drafts.*]

19. Warrant to pay to the Earl of St. Alban's 1,000*l.* a year, as granted him by a warrant which has been mislaid or lost. [*Imperfect draft.*]

20. Request for a post warrant from York for Mr. Skelton and three servants.

21. Licence to the Stationers' Company, for 31 years after the expiration of their present licence granted by the late King, for the sole printing of French Comedies, Æsop's Fables, and other classical and educational books. With extract from a grant by King James of the licence of printing Primers, Psalters, Psalms, and Almanacks. [*3 pages.*]

22. Notes of grants to the Earl of Suffolk; in 1661 of a lease of Suffolk stables; in 1663 of marsh lands, cos. Kent, &c.; in 1665 of all aliens' estates forfeited in Ireland, and of the office of sealing writs in the King's Bench and Common Pleas, after Sir Rob. Killigrew.

23. Notes of leases to the Earl of Berkshire and Sir Rob. Howard, of the Greenwax fines in the Exchequer for 31 years, at

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577*l.* rent, and the post fines in the Common Pleas for 48 years, at 2,276*l.* rent.

24. Warrant for an absolute discharge to Rob. Wilmot, Simon Delboa, and others, from all claims on the logwood seized in the Peahen, which is to be restored to them, on their procuring remission of the cause of appeal in the Admiralty Court, and paying 770*l.*, whereof 150*l.* is to be to Mr. Cheek, proctor, Sir Rob. Wiseman, and the officers of the Admiralty Court, for costs; 200*l.* to Mr. Rumbold, and 420*l.* to Col. Edm. Wyndham, to whom the benefit thereof was granted. [*See July 10, 1665. Copy, 4½ pages.*]

25. The King to the Lord General. The troops in His Majesty's regiment of Horse Guards having been lately reduced to 70, he is to give orders for restoring them to the complete number of 80 men. [*Draft.*]

26. The King to [the University of Cambridge]. Requests them to grant an M.D. degree to — Sermon, who has deserved well by restoring to health the General of the forces, after a long and dangerous illness, and prolonging a life so precious to King and people. [*Draft.*]

27, 28. The King [to the Lord Commissioner of Scotland]. Has allowed Richard Earl of Arran the pay of two soldiers out of each field company and of one out of each other company of the regiment of Guards under his command, and wishes him to give orders to the Commissary-general of Musters for payment thereof. Two papers. [*Draft.*]

29. The King [to the Governor of the Isle of Wight]. It is thought expedient that Hurst Castle be manned from companies in the island. He is therefore to draw out such men from his own foot company as he thinks fit, and relieve them from time to time from other companies. With minute of a letter to [the Captain of Hurst Castle] to receive the men to be sent by the governor. [*Draft.*]

30. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor. Requests them to allow Dr. Lloyd, his chaplain, and one of their prebendaries to enjoy all the benefits of his place for the last year, notwithstanding his non-residence. [*Draft.*] *Annexing,*

30. 1. *Order that Dr. Lloyd, King's chaplain enjoy the benefit of his prebend at Windsor, notwithstanding his absence on the King's service.* [*Draft.*]

31. The King to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth. Being careful for the safety of their town against any attempt of the Dutch in this time of war, has sent Col. John Fitzgerald to see what is needful for its security, and to take care that the two companies of soldiers sent there behave orderly in their quarters. They are to give him all needful assistance. [*Draft.*]

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32. The King to the Master and Fellows of Bennet College, Cambridge. Wrote to them on 12th October last to choose Wormley Martin, student of Jesus College, to their next vacant fellowship; but they have not only, after receipt of the letters, pre-elected a fellow, but on his decease elected another to a vacant fellowship. Requires them to admit Martin to the fellowship last void, and orders the master and two senior fellows present at the said election to repair to London, to answer their contempt of His Majesty's letter. [Draft.]

33. [Lord Arlington?] to the Master of Bennet College, Cambridge. Having examined their objections to the King's letter for election of Mr. Martin as fellow, and received good testimonials in his favour, requests that the letter be obeyed by his admission to the last vacant fellowship. Wishes not to drive matters to extremity, and to save the college from the King's resentment, and begs that after the patience exercised in waiting their compliance, they will not engage in a contest, but admit one whom His Majesty recommended at the writer's particular intercession. [Draft by Williamson.] Annexing,

33. I. [Wormley] Martin, of Thetford, to ———. If Lord Arlington and Mr. Williamson decline to prosecute the mandate for Bennet College, a mandamus should be procured to the Master, &c., of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, for a fellowship, and the Master of Bennet be soundly reprov'd for his contempt.

33. II. Master and Fellows of Pembroke Hall to Lord [Arlington]. The reasons of their reluctance to admit Wormley Martin, B. A. of Jesus College, to a fellowship, according to the King's mandate, are that it will discourage the graduates in their own college, who look for such promotion, and that he is unworthy of preferment, and has been rejected by other colleges, but they do not wish to question His Majesty's prerogative or power to send the mandate.

33. III. Reply in behalf of Wormley Martin to the address of Pembroke Hall, showing that the dislike to elect him as fellow is an infringement on the prerogative of the King who sent him a mandamus, and contraverting their assertions that it is unusual to elect a member of another college, and that Martin is not well known, and is liable to objection. [2 pages.]

34. [Lord Arlington] to ———. Regrets the illness of his wife. Is not weary of his correspondence. [French.]

35. [Lord Arlington to the Lord Treasurer.] Recommends his kinsman, David Bennet, who is employed in Customs' affairs, for a land-waiter's place. [Draft.]

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36. [Lord Arlington to the Lord Treasurer]. To similar purport with the preceding. [*Draft.*]

37. [Lord Arlington] to Mdlle. De Planey. Was prevented writing before by the continual movements of the Court last year, and on account of the sickness and accidents since its return to London. The Countess of Castlemaine will attend to her affair at the right time, but it would not do now when the King's public expenses are so great. The young lord is a lovely child. [*French, 2 pages. Draft.*]

38. [The Council?] to the Farmers of Customs. Deceits having lately been practised by importing prohibited goods in the mails with public letters, persons of discretion and condition are to be appointed at Canterbury and Rochester, with power to search the mails, but without delaying the post. Endorsed "Not sent."

39. ——— to ———. Is banished from corporations and high places, because he will not vote to rob Jesus of his right in his house, and is willing to die in defence of his faith. Has been followed by him to conventicles, the devil raging at his worst. "It is true the dumb greedy dogs, and the pitiful puppy priests have little to give you, but what comes off the Pope's foul fingers." Endorsed "Extract of a Scotch letter, by M. L'Estrange; whiggism and treason."

40. ——— to Edw. More. Bitterly laments their estrangement. Will be driven to death by his cruelty, without some kind line or two. Is sure some one must have influenced his gentle nature to so sudden a change.

41. ——— to M. Jacques de la Garde, London. Wishes Mdme. De Klein's gazettes to be sent addressed to herself. [*French.*]

42. John Annand to Sir Rich. Browne. Will see Mr. Williamson or the other gentleman, to rectify an error in the Gazette.

43. Laurence Arbilleur, surgeon of Besançon, to the King. Begs the place of Surgeon-extraordinary to His Majesty; served 10 years as surgeon in the Spanish armies, has been for six years married and settled in England; is surgeon to the present ambassador of Spain, and can give proofs of his skill and courage during the late plague. [*French, 1½ pages.*]

44. An Armenian to the King. Requests some help towards his travelling expenses, and a letter of recommendation to the consul at Aleppo, as he wishes to return to the East, to make it resound with His Majesty's praises, which he could not do with a feeble stomach and lungs dried up. [*French.*]

45. Jean Bardon to the King. Details the wonders he is able to perform in artillery works, fire-works, fire-ships, &c., of which he has a little specimen ready to show His Majesty; begs some money to meet the expenses. [*French.*]

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46. Mary Blagge to Mr. Godolphin. Begg a place for John Snelling, as lieutenant in Yarmouth, under Lord Richardson, who is willing to have him, as being a relation of Mr. Blagge, and having served under him at Wallingford.

47. John Bowring to the King. Cannot consult the Lord Treasurer, as commanded, on his two propositions about the revenue, as they require great privacy; one was a methodical settling of the whole revenue, as proposed by the late King; the other the amassing of a private bank of money, as done by provident Kings, like Henry VII., who died worth 1,700,000*l.*, and by the late King, who,—saying: “It is good to provide for the worst of things; the best ever help themselves,”—had 200,000*l.* laid by, wherewith he paid and dismissed the Scots without help of Parliament. Wishes to tell him the scheme devised by his late Majesty, for settling the militia revenue to great advantage and splendour, in which the writer was to have been employed. Was reproached four years before with wanting to make the King absolute, by his mode of disposing of leases. Wishes some place near His Majesty, that he may make his revenue flourishing, and enable him to obtain a secret mass of treasure. [2 pages.]

Aldborough.

48. Rich Browne to Williamson. The fleet is in Sole Bay, seven miles to the north. The Royal Charles and the Mary have joined it; there are five prizes plying to the southward; 19 sick men are brought ashore.

49. William Carbonnel to Lord [Arlington]. Requests a pass for Peter Ferus, of Rouen, to come to England on his own affairs.

Plymouth.

50. John Clarke to James Hickey. The St. Patrick is still [at Plymouth], waiting a fair wind to convoy the Virginia and Barbadoes fleet to the Downs.

51. Dan. Coghlane to Wm. Godolphin, Whitehall. Begg some other mode to be devised less circuitous than that of the references on the petitions, to secure to certain informers the benefits of their discovery; they want an absolute grant. With note by John Coghlane, that if compensated, they have another discovery of 2,000*l.* to make.

52. S. Collins to [Wm.] Godolphin. Is prevented waiting on him by dispatching expresses to Moscow; begg him to get a letter signed and sealed, and will gratefully send the fees due thereon.

53. John Downing to Mr. Hathorn. Sends the names of 35 anchor smiths at work at Blackwall, and desires a warrant of protection for them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

54. John Glyd to the Navy Comrs. Could not fulfil his contract entered into for 600 loads of plank, for want of a supply of money, according to agreement. Has served in 400 loads, and only received 400*l.* His credit is almost lost, and unless they order a speedy sup-

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ply, it will be his utter undoing. Requests that his three imprest bills, signed long ago, may be paid, so that he may be able to serve in the remainder of his contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

55. J. H—— to Rich. Forster, Newcastle. The ship lost near Dunstanburgh was the Crowned Charity of Bruges, bound for France. The country people took the wool and other spoil; 200 hogsheads of wine are saved. Her tackling, &c., are bought, so no hopes of his coming in for a first bargain.

56. — Haslopp to [Williamson]. Requests a pass for the Golden Port, a Zealand ship, to go to Angola for slaves, carry them to one of the West India islands, and bring what returns she can find.

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57. J. Knight to Williamson. Requests him to deliver Jacques Wiseman's commission as surveyor to the Earl of Carlisle's regiment, and to speak a word for Mr. Browne, as the Earl of Ogle is not yet provided.

58. Wenceslaus Libanus to Williamson. Private affairs. Commendations to Lord Arlington. [*Latin.*]

59. Thos. Lux to Sir W. Coventry. The Duke of Albemarle promised him and 24 other mariners of the Hector satisfaction for the loss of their clothes. Begs dispatch, having long waited, and they now belong to several ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

60. Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Desires, as Mr. Cutler is so lax in sending his accounts, that they will order him to bring with him all letters that have passed since the writer went to Scotland. Cutler had had a considerable part of his money from Thos. Row, the goldsmith, upon the navy bills, before his last letter to the writer was written. [*Adm. Paper.*]

61. Sir Chas. Lyttleton to Williamson. It is the Duke of York's pleasure that John Thorne should have an ensign's commission in the company of Sir John Griffiths, Lieut.-Col. in the Duke's regiment.

62. Letter from a merchant in London to a merchant in Amsterdam on the war. Bemoans the enmity between two nations professing the same religion, and the great enmity shown to monarchy in Holland. Vindicates the King from the suspicion of being a Roman Catholic, and praises his diligent attendance on the ordinances of the Church of England. The Hollanders reproach the King for aiding the Bishop of Munster, a great enemy to their faith, whilst they, for two years, have courted aid from the King of France. Blames De Witt for promoting the war, and them for submitting to him, but praises his good qualities; blames his intimacy with English rebels and fugitives, through whom he keeps up intelligence with English fanatics. These counsellors persuaded him that

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the King could not send out 20 ships, whereas he speedily equipped 60, and maintained them four months without a penny from the people; De Witt was led to believe that Parliament would not take the war to heart, whereas they voted 25 millions for it. The people show great earnestness about it, and neither France nor Denmark is so free as England from any danger of civil war. Praises the fidelity to the Crown, and the loyalty of the House of Commons, notwithstanding the boasts of the French, that two or three millions would raise the country, and make the King a prisoner in his own house. Shows the vanity of the French expecting aid from their ancient allies the Scots. The Dutch have proved the falsehood of their belief that the English would not fight as they did in the days of the Republic. Vaunts the sovereignty of the English over the sea, and does not think Holland a nation fit to deprive her of it. Complains of their multiplied insolences and outrages in the colonies, especially in Guinea, as causing the war; also their alliance with Cromwell, their depriving the House of Orange of its ancestral rights, their attempts to defame the royal family by pasquinades, and to raise revolts in England. Says only what is evident to him as a merchant, without entering into matters of state. [9 pages. *An Italian translation from the French.*]

63. Thos. Milburne, of Jewin Street, and William Ganet, of Foster Lane, over against Goldsmiths' Hall, to [Williamson]. Are willing to print the weekly Gazette on good paper for Mondays and Thursdays as before; but beg him to consider that it must be worked in the night, for which men require extra pay, and that the delivery is two days' work weekly for two persons; request that the accounts may be settled weekly.

64. Sir Sam. Morland to Lord Arlington. Requests his influence with the King to obtain for him the 750*l.* which presses him so hard in this juncture.

65. The Italian Musicians to the King. Request his signature to a warrant for their payment by a London banker, being unwilling to disturb him every quarter about the payment of their diet. [*Italian.*]

66. Edw. Rundells to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of repairs needed upon the apron of the wet dock at Deptford. Requests a warrant to press house carpenters. [*Adm Paper.*]

67. M. De St. Ravy to Williamson. Requests a passport for the bearer, who has served Mr. Noel eight years. [*French.*]

68. Edw. Sherburne to Col. Wm. Legg. Will send the wheelbarrows ordered for Portsmouth, though there are only 80 in store, and they cannot be made under 5*s.* 8*d.* each. The prices of deals are raised since the Dutch war, and the wheelwright is not disposed to abate, since 1,300*l.* is owed to him already. Sends an estimate commanded by the General. [2 pages.]

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69. Thos. Swann and three other Gunners to the Navy Comrs. Think cannon weighing 60 cwt. each will be too heavy except for eight great ships; and 24-pounders, which will weigh 42 cwt., too heavy for the middle of any ship but the Royal Sovereign; demi-cannon and culverins will serve for the rest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Harwich.

70. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. For want of a right understanding of every man's duty about the management of naval concerns in and about the dockyard, His Majesty is a great sufferer, and divers controversies and misunderstandings daily arise among the officers. Submits for their approval proposals in reference to the employment of men, the receipt and delivery of stores, making out of bills, &c. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages, corrected by Sir Wm. Coventry.*]

71. Ranceford Waterhouse to Sam. Pepys. Begs that 215*l.* which he owes to the treasury of the Navy may be settled by discounting so much from money due by the Navy to Mr. Gibbs, who owes him money, but cannot pay it until he obtains what is owing to him from the navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

72. R. Yard's Master to [Williamson]. R. Yard improves much at his Dutch school, not only in reading and writing but in Latin and French. It would be a great pity to remove him. He is learning from a barber near to shave, but cannot yet do it without cutting. Has informed Lady Sayer how the 115 guilders are spent. Yard knows that the money is falling short; wishes boys would employ their time well, and sooner be men.

73. Certificate by Mr. Greenway that the Alapine frigate of 160 tons, a good sailer, is fit for a fire-ship. With note that the owners are to come to treat. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Portsmouth.

74. Certificate by George Mynors, that five men named remained on board to look after the Sovereign, when the ship's company were ordered up to be paid. With note by Comr. Middleton desiring that they may have their tickets, being in great want. [*Adm. Paper.*]

75. Caveat that no grant for a commission of appeal in the cause of disannulling a forced marriage between Mary Ware and Jas. Shirley be passed, without notice to Lord Windsor or Sir Rob. Wiseman, King's advocate.

76. Note of Wm. Bowles of Middlesex, one of the privy chamber, a justice of peace, and eminent for his loyalty, [to be made a baronet]. Endorsed "My Lord of Arran's request for Col. Low." *Annexing,*

76. i. Note for Wm. Bowles to be a baronet. Marked "*Hercules Low; Sir John Stapeley.*"

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76. II. *Note for Laurence Lowe to be made a baronet, at request of Hercules Lowe.*

77. Statement that the grant of 1,000*l.* a year for 21 years to Lord Baltimore on the customs on wines, transferred by him to Wm. Smithsby, was confirmed to the latter by the late King, but in 1640, the payment stopped by Parliament; that 13 years of the grant still remain unpaid, but that the original grants, &c., are forthcoming.

78. Notes for Williamson to write to the Lord Chancellor for Wm. Batty to be justice of peace for Suffolk; to swear Mr. Temple of the Council in Virginia; and to remind the King to bestow the advowson of Lutterworth on the writer.

79. Statement by Capt. Rich. Carr that since returning from imprisonment in other countries, he has been two years in England, saw the King at Hampton Court, and was at length sent to Portsmouth, and employed nine months as deputy engineer in the fortifications, during all which time he has received 100*l.* from the King, and 64*l.* 12*s.* from other persons specified; with a note of a portion of the above receipts.

80. Copy of the above note of receipts.

81. State of Stephen Chace's case, addressed to Lord Arlington; being an abstract of his petition to the King, that the joint patent to himself and his son Stephen of the place of Chafe wax and purveyor of wax for the great seal, granted to them on his surrender of his former patent for the same, may pass by immediate warrant, as it is stayed at the privy seal by the averse-ness of the Lord Privy Seal to such things; having given up his former patents, he cannot demand his wages.

82. Statement that Lady Chesterfield has joined young Jemmet to be a check on the elder Jemmet, that she be not injured by passengers, as she suspects; that this may partly satisfy my lord, because if joined with Mr. Carlisle, he may have power to stay persons who cannot give an account of themselves; but that the power of the passage rests not with the governor [of Dover Castle], but with the authorities of the town.

83. Statement by John Kirke that the last payment of the 360*l.* per annum made to the Earl of Cleveland was at Midsummer 1664, since which a year and half's pay was due at Christmas last, 1665.

84. Case of Ann Dixon, widow, that she requests a blank warrant for a baronet, one being granted to Major Jasper Tute, who died before it was confirmed, and had assigned it to her.

85. Note that Honoré Bathelemi, a Frenchman, and his captain, Paul Perquin, coming from Holland, were pressed and forced on board the English frigate Francis. [*French.*]

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86. Request for a search whether Lord Gerard has a grant, in reversion after Mr. Kirke, of the housekeeper's place at Whitehall, and reply that he has not, and that Mr. Kirke's grant passed Feb. 1664.

87. Request to Lord Arlington to expedite an order for the return to Portugal of Martangis, a French cornet of infantry, in the service of the King of Portugal, who being taken with others when going into France for recruits, is now prisoner in Exeter. Endorsed "Don Fr. Mello." [*French.*]

88. Statement of the case relative to the additional customs on wines, tobacco, silks, and linen, let for five years to Sir Martin Noel and John Bence; on the death of Noel, in 1665, his executors were responsible for his share of the contract; complaint of the ill doings of the Farmers of Customs towards the said executors, in calling upon them for moneys and accounts, and reviling them, whilst in reality they owe the executors 10,000*l.* [2 pages.]

89. Request to Lord [Arlington?] for a grant to Mr. Mead of the King's waiter's place in the customs of London which Col. Lee surrendered. *Annexing.*

89. 1. *Blank form of the grant, as requested above. Whitehall.*

90. Request on behalf of those who have a grant of the trade in the Red Sea, in the port of Mocha, in which the King is a quarter-part sharer, that His Majesty would allow them to sell at Mocha 26 tons of Japan copper now in the Tower, and unfit for use in England, but which would bring large profits if sent there. Endorsed "Mr. Andrewes."

91. Note of payments made or due to M. De Montbrun, on 1,250*l.* a year, from May 29, 1660.

92. Note by Edm. Sawtell of extraordinary salary allowed to Mr. or Mrs. Parnell, from June 24 to Dec. 21; total, 90*l.* Endorsed "Court post."

93. Statement that John late Earl of Peterborough settled a jointure on Elizabeth his Countess in 16 Charles I.; after much dispute, but when near his death, in 1644, she persuaded him to give her also Hatchden manor, about which there is a contest between her and the present Earl.

94. Copy of the first clause of the above.

95. Statement that John Earl of Peterborough settled his estate upon his eldest son Henry, but afterwards, when weak and sickly, others for private interests induced the Countess, by proposing increase of jointure and greater power in the estate for herself, to work on the Earl to make Lord Mordaunt only tenant for life; they promised the Countess to destroy the other deeds, and tear the enrol-

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ments off the files, but did not ; and though in confidence thereof she owned the second deed, some old men, struck in conscience, have told the present Earl where to find the other deeds.

96. Statement that the Priory of Ryegate, Surrey, was long held by the Earls of Peterborough, with a remainder in the Crown ; that the Countess Dowager of Peterborough obtained, by surprise, a grant of a great part of this remainder, so that she was able to grant away lands value 800*l.* a year to her younger son, Lord Mordaunt ; she wishes to obtain a grant of the remainder, which would be a great detriment to the family, especially to the eldest son, for whom she has an aversion because he served the late King at Oxford. [2 *pages.*]

97. Draft of the above.

98. Note that the case between Wm. Prettyman and Sir Thos. Cooke is to be heard to-morrow, and Lord Ashley is to be spoken to to favour the former.

99. Request by the Earl of Exeter that Wm. Robinson, appointed clerk of the militia under himself and the Earl of Peterborough, as joint lieutenants of Northamptonshire, may be called to show up his accounts of militia tax received during the joint lieutenancy, and to deliver the muster rolls of the Eastern Division, which is now appointed to the said Earl of Exeter alone ; also that he may be compelled thereto by the Earl of Peterborough, who continues him in office for the Western Division. [1½ *pages.*]

100. Memorial for the Earl of Shrewsbury and Lady Winter, about Sir George Winter's lands, viz., the manor and rectory of Huddington, and other lands, co. Worcester, formerly belonging to Rob. Winter, attainted of treason, but being settled by him on his children before his attainder, they descended to his grandchild Sir George, to whom they were confirmed by the late King, and who, having no issue, left them to Dame Mary, his wife, and Helen, daughter of Robert Winter, his aunt, for their lives, and then to the Earl of Shrewsbury and Gilbert Talbot his brother, in lieu of moneys which he owed to them. They request a caveat against His Majesty's passing any new grant of the said lands without due notice to them. Endorsed "If any question arise, to be pleased to give notice to the said Earl, or to his agent, Mr. Gilbert Crouch, at his house next the pump, in Weld Street, near Drury Lane."

101. Proposals of Capt. Anthony Stamp to the King, to raise, without charge, 10,000 more young navigators yearly than would else be supplied, to the great advantage of the kingdom, by ordering schools of navigation in each county, wherein it can be taught to the parish children, the schoolmasters to be furnished by the Trinity House ; with details of the mode of education to be adopted, and the equipment made for the children. One boy out of each of the 10,741 parishes of England would make up the number.

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102. Proposals by Capt. Ant. Stamp for making a breaching engine for ships; a ship to carry guns of great force, waggons for biscuits, &c., for an army, to be afterwards converted into a moving fortification; and cannons and guns of half the present weight of metal.

103. Request to M. De Marsilly for Lord Arlington to send to Sir Giles Sweit, and seven others, about a sentence in the Admiralty Court in favour of André Van Bogaerde and others. [*French.*]

104. Request by Stephen White for the vacant pension of 2s. 6d. a day in Hull, lately held by Capt. Murgho O'Flaherty, to be paid out of the privy purse; also to be in the King's company.

105. Note of papers of 1653, 1654, and 1659, relating to the Excise and Customs, to be searched for in Williamson's office, about the farm of the Excise and the Commissioners of Customs. Endorsed "Hartlib."

106. Statement, by Sir Peter Wyche, that his father had a large fortune after his return from Constantinople as ambassador; that he joined in a bond for the late King for 100,000*l.* borrowed of the East India Company; purchased at his request the place of comptroller of the household for 7,000*l.*, and kept up the table at his own expense at York and at Oxford, where he died. That of all the goods bequeathed to him by his father as eldest son, the payment of the East India Company and other bonds left him only King James's grant of 100*l.* yearly, a warrant by the late King for 2,000*l.* expenses of the comptroller's table, and other bad debts; that he shifted for himself beyond seas till the Restoration, and then found his mother dead, she having given a large fortune to his sister, who married the Earl of Bath, and portions to his younger brothers, &c., but that he was left to make his fortune, on which he went with the forces sent to Portugal, and has served as volunteer in the fleet, ever since this war began. [*1½ pages.*]

107. List of 34 baronets and gentlemen, with their residences [in Northamptonshire], noting such as are under age. [*2 pages.*]

108. Statement of the case about arrears of the buttery and cellar; that from 29th May 1660 to 20th June following, 7,252 gallons of beer were allowed by the Officers of Greencloth, but allowances were daily increased by verbal orders, and the accounts were sent in monthly and not objected to; that since then retrenchments were several times made, which reduced the allowance of ale and wine so much as to cause the present arrears to be charged.

109. List of stations of the new raised forces, chiefly in the southern and eastern counties, with names of the colonels of the regiments.

110. Account of the quarters of the King's forces; his Majesty's regiment of Guards, the Lord Admiral's, Holland, Prince Rupert's,

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Col. FitzGerald's, Sir Wm. Lockhart's, and the Irish regiments ; and of the garrison companies not regimented. [3 pages.]

111. Memorandum of arms required to be sent to Portsmouth, Upnor Castle, and Chatham.

112. List of seven officers for garrisons, to go to Tynemouth, Berwick, and Carlisle.

113. Request of Sir Rob. Dillington for arms for 500 or 600 men for the Isle of Wight, to be lodged in Carisbrook Castle, there being only arms there for 100, instead of 1,500 as usual ; also for a troop of horse and three or four companies of foot.

114. List of officers, proposed, viz., lieut.-colonel, major, 16 captains, 12 lieutenants, and 9 cornets, in the regiment of horse commanded by Charles Lord Gerard of Brandon. With names of five colonels of foot regiments endorsed.

115. Note for Thos. Drummond and Rob. Martin to be substituted for Jos. Douglas and Jas. Leith, as Scottish officers.

116. Note of the ship Virgin of St. John de Luze, laden with oil and whalebone, taken by the royal frigate Constant Warwick off Ireland, and brought into Plymouth.

117. Account of the lading with wines of a French ship, taken and brought to Dover, on its way to Hull, which wines are reclaimed by M. Jouy, who is recommended by Madame [the Duchess of Orleans]. [*French.*]

118. Request of Lord Widdrington for leave to purchase on valuation the prize ships Alcida and St. John the Evangelist, both of Amsterdam, now at Plymouth and ordered to be sold, he having no ships fit to carry a quantity of timber which he wishes first to proffer to His Majesty's service.

119. Request for restoration of the ship St. Peter, claimed by Duarte de Silva, laden with sugar before the news of the war between England and France, and belonging to Portuguese owners ; the sugars were condemned in the Admiralty Court, but it was only *in pœnam contumaciæ*. Endorsed with a note from Francis de Silva to [Williamson?], requesting a speedy hearing of the business.

120. Account by Rob. Clifton and Rich. Bower of goods embezzled from the Charity and Friendship, two prizes at Yarmouth, and since recovered.

121. Account by Rich. Bower of receipts, payments, and expenses, about embezzled goods.

122. Account by Rob. Clifton and Rich. Bower of embezzlements [from prizes] discovered, yet in arrears on the coasts of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. [4 pages.]

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123. Description and valuation of four prize ships at Harwich, one of which is desired by Lieut. Osborne as the King's gift.

124. Information by Jas. Riddell and Jas. Gibson against Capt. Lightfoot of the Speedwell and Capt. John Whifton of the John of Dover privateer, for seizing Riddell's vessel, a hoy from Bremen, in June 1665, robbing it and taking it and the goods off to Holy Island, although reproved by the King's commissioner for so doing, and refusing to deliver them up until money was paid, when in returning, it was seized by the Hollanders. Complain of other misdemeanors of these captains, in attacking vessels of Leith, interfering with the customs, &c. Hope that English subjects will not be allowed to be so treated, and that Capt. Whifton's commission may be recalled. [*2½ pages.*]

125. Direction [by Lord Arlington] to Jas. Tarbit and Capt. Hooper to deliver all lading, especially money and bullion, and all prizes, to be carried into the next ports of England or Scotland, and delivered to the appointed officers. Endorsed "The ships in Scotland."

126. Estimate of the wages and victuals of 420 men for a ——— rate ship for two months; total, 1,788*l.* 10*s.*

127. Request for Lord Arlington to obtain passes for two French ships, the Grand Ecu de France and the Flutte St. Nicholas, going to Sweden or Norway for timber to take to Dunkirk. [*French.*]

128. Note of the taking of John Bee, by a Flushingier, on the Lincolnshire coast; the rest of the fleet of 16 escaped.

129. Request for relief from the King for Petrus Guyot and John Daniell, two French friars taken in the frigate Victory, and now in Exeter gaol.

130. Note of debts due to Chas. Hudgebutt of 9*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, and John Duch of 15*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, for service at sea. Endorsed "To be recommended to Mr. Littleton from his humble servant Joseph Williamson."

131. Names of four shipmasters and their vessels marked for Virginia. Endorsed "Sir W. Coventry."

132. Note of Michael [Hild, servant of Bernard Smith, turned from the Falcon to the York, now riding at Spithead.

133. Request for a protection for the men in three vessels, to take provisions from Arundel and Shoreham to Chatham and Portsmouth, and to have the benefit of a convoy and, of the Act for water carriage. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

134. [Wm.] Castell's measurements of his ship the Defiance, with note by Sam. Pepys that he was present when they were taken. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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135. List of sails, ropes, &c., required by the Black Posthorse galliot. [*Adm. Paper.*]

136. "Complaint of seamen being forced to sell their tickets," being the names of five seamen residing in or near Plymouth who were necessitated either to sell their tickets for wages due at 5s. a pound less, or to spend their wages by remaining in London until paid. There are women brokers who stand about the Navy Office, offering to help seamen who have any tickets to ready money; they take them to Mrs. Salesbury, in Carpenter's Yard, near Aldgate, who is always ready to buy them at 5s. per pound or more loss to the seamen. This reduction of seamen's wages is a great discouragement to men, and worthy of consideration as to who employs this woman and how she obtains the ready money better than the seamen. With note [by Sir Wm. Coventry] directing enquiries to be made for the tickets of the men mentioned, and if paid, by what means this woman gets them paid, that it may be prevented for the future, as there is no reason why those who buy them at such under rates should be so soon paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

137. Opinion of the counsel-at-law procured by Mr. Briggs, that by the Act of Parliament as to water carriage, no distress can be made unless the rate of the freight were first either agreed on between the officer and the bargeman, or settled by the Brotherhood of Trinity House; and that for land carriage, there cannot be ready payment as ordered by the Act, unless the rates are previously agreed on. [*Adm. Paper.*]

138. Minutes [by Pepys] made on Mr. Gauden's contract for supplying water casks. Flag-ships are to have as many more, and other men-of-war half as many more as formerly; all those iron-bound to be paid for at 1s. 6d. per hoop, and 1s. to be allowed for each hoop returned; a cooper is to have the same supply from Mr. Gauden at the King's charge for ironing casks as he usually gives; those unfit to be trimmed on board are to be sent ashore to be done, and allowed for by the King. Endorsed with short hand notes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

139. Report on some drift masts seen at Barking (?), one of which was served in by the writer, and one by Sir Wm. Warren. [*Adm. Paper.*]

140. Request by Henry Sheere for John Sidmond to be boatswain of the Katherine, in place of John Bowars, transferred to the Mathias. [*Adm. Paper.*]

141. List of 19 prizes, not men-of-war, in His Majesty's possession, with notes of the uses to which they are severally to be put. [*Adm. Paper.*]

142. Report by Mr. Langrack, purveyor, of 1,200 loads of timber lying in Aliceholt Forest ready for removal, and of 350 trees now

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in their prime for navy service ; which, if not taken in time, will decay and be embezzled. [*Adm. Paper.*]

143. Account by John Tooker of the rates of prices charged by Mr. Howell, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Bowler, for turnery wares named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

144. Account by James Pearse, surgeon-general, of medicines in the magazine chests, valued at 98*l.* 3*s.*, of which, after supplying the fleet, only 10*l.* worth now remains serviceable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Portsmouth.

145. Estimate by John Tippetts for making a dry dock on the north side of the yard at Portsmouth ; total, 8,095*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

146. Estimate of the value and price of stores required by the officers of the yard at Chatham to supply the service, amounting to 17,504*l.* 10*s.* Endorsed "17,000*l.* estimate of moneys necessary to be raised." [*Adm. Paper.*]

147. Note by Mr. Turner of cordage to be had from the ropemakers at Deptford, if they can have payment of moneys already due to them ; also of anchors wanting at Deptford, and of persons who have them, or will undertake to make them. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

148. Duties to be performed by persons employed as spies from Holland, viz. : to gain intelligence of ships of war building ; of merchant ships ready to sail from English ports, and what convoys they have ; to speak to Col. Danvers, Ludlow, and others, about joining when occasion offers ; to convey 30 troopers to Col. Bampfild ; to communicate with Scott's brother-in-law and correspondent ; to arrange correspondencies ; to notice how people are satisfied, and to assure them that the Dutch will land, headed by the old English officers in the States' service. Endorsed "Spies among us, lord general."

149. Notes that an examinee not named served the Comte de St. Paul seven or eight years past. The smith, informant against him, will swear his horses had last been shod in London ; he has been in England three weeks ; he stayed four nights at Branston ; he pretended he came to buy horses for his master, and delivered the hostess a heavy bag ; he was cousin to Conyers, lately hanged as a highwayman, and shot a man in the thigh as he was apprehended.

150. Address of Col. Dolman at M. Beuckelaer's house in the Hague.

151. Note of addresses of Mrs. Morecott, near Warwick, and Wm. Duncan, near Tower Hill. Endorsed "Alexander's addresse and Mr. Halsall."

152. Names of three prisoners, John Griffith, Jennings, and Benj. Keach, committed to Aylesbury gaol by order of the Earl of Bridgewater, who desires notice if any request be made for their enlargement, that he may satisfy the King of the cause of their commitment.

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153. Examination of John Davies and Thos. Morice. Are sailors, and went to drink together at a certain victualler's house, but without any ill design. The next house is a quaker's. Also,

Examination of the said victualler. There were none in the house with these men but a few neighbours to drink a cup of beer. Smith, the bookseller, an anabaptist, lives next door. Also, Rich. Cantwell, the wire drawer, came in to drink with the other two, but they had no intercourse with the others who were drinking.

154. Note that Bryer, a Dutchman, of Bedfordbury, has removed into the country with another Dutchman; and that these people meet at the Duchess of Albemarle's housekeeper's, at Hammersmith.

155. Examination of Philibert Bydalle, of Middleburg. Lodges at Mrs. De Lael's, in Broad Street. Came over to see the Marquis of Worcester's waterworks, which he is going into Wales to see.

156. Examination of — Green, tailor. Lived in Bedfordbury, but his trade decaying, retired. Was over in Ireland to sell some goods, which he disposed of to Spikes in Dublin.

157. "Some things propounded as conceived fitting to be prosecuted," being names and addresses of 11 persons chiefly in London and Durham, whose letters it is proposed to open, especially John Cock, Lady Vane's steward at Raby Castle, who is very popular amongst that disaffected tenantry. With notes that meetings become more frequent in the county of Durham, and the disaffected speak of hopes of sudden alterations, of the Dutch landing all the [exiled] English and Scotch, and of assistance from the North; that Raby Castle and Hartlepool are of consequence, lest they be surprised. Endorsed "Durham intelligence." [1½ pages.]

158. Extracts from a ledger, relating to an account with certain doctors for drugs, &c. [*Found with the preceding.*]

159. Confession of John Ward, prisoner in Durham gaol. The Nonconformists of 1663 are as ready as ever, and ten times more numerous, having arms in every house. The Dutch war has put them in hopes. William Hogg of Leeds, Mr. Scurr, and others named have resolved to send no more letters, but only messages from meeting to meeting. Mr. Scurr allowed 3s. 6d. a week to the Nonconformists and plotters of 1664 when in prison, and paid their fees on release. Was never in arms, but was inveigled by fanatics since his marriage into the Robinson family. Leeds is a most dangerous place, as is also Somersetshire.

160. John Heydon's "confession concerning Hutchinson." He is "lusty black man, tall and ruddy," and would have taken the writer to the Quakers' meetings, but he refused to go. Hutchinson said he had been twice imprisoned, but the last time killed his keeper and escaped. Was himself imprisoned for debt two years ago, but liberated by influence of the Duke of Buckingham, and has

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loved him ever since and spoken well of him, and had verses about him. Thinks horoscopes do no good. The Quaker Hutchinson spoke against the Duke of Albemarle, and pointing to St. Paul's Cathedral, said the whore's cap was off. Has only been in his house five weeks, and repents going there.

161. Queries to be proposed to Wm. Goodman in his examination. [1½ pages.]

162. Examination of Wm. Goodman thereon. Has been gaoler and bailiff in Hertfordshire, and since collector of hearth money. Knows Giles Child, but has not seen him for three months, since he was in prison. Has heard of no enlisting of men, in case anything happen to the fleet. Knows Dr. Tanner, but did not see a letter from him about tobacco. Was at a meeting at a mill; went to meet Jonathan Jennings and get the place of brewer's clerk, which the latter was leaving; was taken at a meeting by Justice Cheney, but dismissed; did not attempt to escape. Never undertook to free Jones from Bedford gaol, nor wrote to Capt. Philips of Aylesbury, bewailing the loss of the Dutch. Went voluntarily to Major Gunston to enlist in case of an invasion. These imputations arise from the spleen of the gaoler at Aylesbury.

163. List of four factious, obstinate, nonconforming ministers, four factious and obstinate Nonconformists, and four dangerous Quaking speakers now in York gaol. With note that the sheriff has written about them to the Lord Chancellor, who wishes them to be removed out of the gaol.

164. Address of Mr. Wellenbruck, milliner, and his wife, at the Death's Head, Southwark, and Mrs. Downham, St. Ann's Street, Westminster. Endorsed "Sir John Towers."

165. List of six persons for Mr. Rimer's surety, one of whom may be taken with some other sufficient person.

166. Interrogatories for Mawburne, the bookseller and the printer, as to books, pamphlets, proclamations, or ballads lately printed at York.

167. Notes of Blinkhorne, a Custom House officer, who has letters every post from Holland; also, of the captain of the Dutch vessel that brought over the English prisoners, who is carrying back letters, and should be searched. Roscene, now prisoner at Windsor, said that by order of his master, Rich. Cromwell, he brought letters over to Mr. Claypole a year and a half since, and received 100s. for it. Capt. La Chency and M. Soucy, French prisoners taken in an East India ship, and now in the Isle of Wight, offer 500*l.* for their ransom. Endorsed "For Sir Thos. Clifford; two French prisoners." [1½ pages.]

168. D. Breval's replies against his accusers. Did not preach that the Pope was the author of this war, but only that he would rejoice to pull down two great reformed powers by their opposition to each other. Did not predict success to the Dutch, but said all

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was in God's hands, and that they had not, like us, the murder of a King to atone. Denies going to a tavern to sup with a Dutchman after the sermon. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

169. Testimony of Benj. Walsh, ensign. John Davis said he hoped the Long Parliament might sit again, for it was the best Parliament that ever was; that he would never stoop to the King, nor even set one foot before another to obtain his release. He upbraided the King about Lady Castlemaine and Mrs. Steward, and showed scandalous letters about the particulars.

170. Address of letters to be sent to M. St. Sauveur, either to Delft in Holland or to Lord Arlington, to be written as from Dunkirk without signature, as though it were the correspondence of two private friends; if M. Vandeper writes, he will put his name, and Lord Arlington will send money to him to Delft. [*French.*]

171. Note that the Frenchman who is prisoner at Canterbury is named Louis Saunier. [*French.*]

172. Questions to be put to the Master and Wardens [of the Stationers' Company] relative to their late searches for unlicensed books; their seizure of other printers and presses, as well as Milburn's and Darby's; sale of a tract on the firing of the city, and of "Second and third Advice to a Painter," offered by Fras. Smith. Also,

Statement that they found "London's flames" at Leach's, but did not prosecute the printer; that they took away Darby's presses for a Quaker's sheet and Milburn's for "The Catholic Apology," only because they suspected them of printing the company's copies; that Royston having a warrant to search John Crook for "Fiat lux," sent him notice beforehand to remove his books, and sold himself some of the books he had seized about firing the city, &c. The surveyor of the press says that he cannot discharge his duty so long as the printers are dependent on the Stationers' Company, whose interest it is to encourage unlawful printing. The master of the company told Milburn that he would teach him to apply himself to L'Estrange. [2 pages.]

173. Alphabetical list of [disbanded?] officers in the army, giving occasionally their residences and religious persuasions, as Anabaptists, Independents, Presbyterians, or Quakers. Endorsed "A list of dangerous persons." [12 sheets.]

174. Directions for the best mode of making a wig: rolling the hair round a tobacco pipe, boiling it in beer, bran and water, and milk, baking it in paste, &c.

175. Notes on the medicinal virtues of amber and salt.

176. Arguments to prove from the visible creation and from conscience the existence of a God, with reflections on the vanity of all things except holiness—the true happiness of man. Endorsed with business memoranda relating to certain tenants. One sheet is directed "For my very loving friend, Charles North, Esq., at the Fleet." [$10\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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177. Extract [from a sermon?] comparing the state of society to the natural world, &c., and praising the benefits of prayer. [4 pages.]

178. "New, exact, and most expeditious method of delineating all manner of fortifications, regular and irregular, as well from the interior as exterior polygon, being comprehended within the two faces or superficies of a medal. With figures. [3 pages, printed.]

179. Dedicatory letter by John Heydon to Rich. Brooke, of a work vindicating the Heydonian or Rosie-crucian philosophy against the attacks of Mr. Parker, and defending its statements that the passions are the results of sensual, rational, or intellectual apprehensions. [1½ pages.]

180. Dedicatory letter by John Heydon to Rich. Brooke, late cavalier to the King, and now one of the Duke of Albemarle's gentlemen, of a work on the philosophy of the Rosie-crucians, who would be joyful to have him as their guide and governor.

181. The concluding page of an eulogy upon the lives and principles of the Rosie-crucian philosophers, who walked together like angels, and whose "workes are so genuine that there is not one barbarous sillable in them."

182. "An epilogue to the fate of the French King and destruction of the Dutch, wearing the title of Sorex primus and Sorex secundus, written in vindication of John Heydon, gent., a servant of God and secretary of nature, by Eugenius Theodidactus." [9½ pages.]

183. The two first leaves of a work [by the same author] headed "Sorex secundus," in vindication of the Rosie-crucian philosophy against Sam. Parker and other adversaries.

184. "A field of virtue, freely given to his friend, by George the second Duke of Buckingham;" a political disquisition, railing against the sanctimonious hypocrisy of Cromwell, lauding the virtuous conduct of Charles II., rather than his warlike acts, representing justice as the field of virtue, &c. [5 pages.]

185. "An English Duel, or Three to Three, or Great Britain's Challenge to France, Denmark, and Holland; her puissance and strength, her readiness and willingness to obey her Sovereign in his just war; and how all the counties in these three kingdoms are at an hour's warning ready to defend his sacred Majesty, together with the justness of his cause, and hopes of a happy conquest over his enemies." [By George Eliot, printed, verse.]

Inc. "When high Jehovah's own right arm did bring
Great Britain's monarch, and her mighty king
To his undoubted right, and Heaven's hand
Had quite disarmed the rebels of this land."

186. "Holland's representation, or the Dutchman's looking glass, wherein he may see the inevitable ruin attending his ingratitude to the British nation, if not speedily prevented by his just satisfaction and humble submission to the King of England." With a wood-

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cut by R. Gaywood, representing Holland in the form of a cow, fed by Charles II., mounted by the King of Spain, the King of Denmark, Bishop of Munster, Louis XIV., &c., surrounding her. In verse, printed by T. J. for F. K., at the Prince's Arms, Chancery Lane :—

Inc. "What may this emblem mean? A cow with kings?
A mitred prince?—These are mysterious things."

187. Statement that by an order of Nov. 13, 1665, 5,000*l.* is to be paid to Sir G. D. [George Downing] for maintaining English prisoners in the United Provinces, and he is also entrusted with the charge of exchanging and transporting the prisoners; he is therefore to be authorized to expend the said moneys, with reasonable allowances for those whom he may employ abroad, for a clerk at home, and other incident charges.

188. Reasons for passing an Act explanatory of that of 12 Charles II., to include brandy and spirits in the Act requiring licences for sale of wine, as spirits tend too much to drunkenness, to diminution of home consumption of beer, &c.

189. Proposals offered to the House of Commons by J. C. towards carrying on the war with France; to tax all stalls and seats in churches and chapels, from 40*s.* for Archbishops' stalls to 1*s.* for ordinary seats, quarterly; all inns and offices of court from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 1*s.*; all houses 6*d.* per room; market stalls, &c., 1*s.* [*Printed.*]

190. Note that the ice was begun to be laid in Dec. 20, 1665, but the weather prevented the laying in the necessary provision; with names of the persons using the ice; the King and Duke began with it April 20, 1666. Endorsed "Simon's paper." [*Simon Menselli, the King's ice keeper.*]

191. Catalogue of letters from friars and others in Flanders that were intercepted, several of them enclosing relics, with notes of some of their contents. [2 *pages.*]

192. Form of four notes in Danish, German, Dutch, and English, by John Israel. Endorsed "The young man that translates."

193. Memoranda from Sir Edw. Spragg, relative to John Golding, pilot of the *James* of Bristol, nephew of Jas. Welsh of Port Louis, Brittany, who is our friend and should be desired to send away expresses on any extraordinary occasion. Sir Wm. Coventry's pass for the *James* is to be sent to Golding.

194. Notice of a false alarm caused by the firing a beacon, by a fisherman's wife, who took the shallop of one of our own ships for a French boat.

195. Memoranda [by Williamson], many of them cancelled. M. Ognate to find Bulstrode at Bruges and send him over; 30 Dutch prisoners taken when landing to be put in chains, and examined apart as to with what confidence they landed; the three Dutch that escaped to be put into chains.

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196. List of 82 names of persons [to whom assignments have been made on the royal aid] with the numbers [of their account], and of the folio [on which they are entered]. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

197. Similar paper, incomplete; indorsed with notes [of fees?] 1668 and 1669.

198. Note by Thos. Bowyer that his letters are to be left at Hugh Worthington's, near Wigan, Lancashire.

199. Note of postage demanded for two letters before they had been seen; marked Fras. Gosfright, Josiah Cranford.

200. Notice that Thos. Edge, the Dover foot post, lodges at the Pewter Pot, Leadendall Street, instead of the Star, New Fish Street Hill, and attends on Wednesdays and Thursdays, to receive the Kent and Dover letters.

201. Request to Lord Arlington to obtain the King's directions about the French seamen brought in ships taken as prizes, but not yet condemned; they have nothing to support them till the trial, or to carry them home, and being in considerable numbers, if turned loose, they will do mischief in the countries as they pass.

202. Names of John Earl of Bath, governor of Plymouth, Sir John Carew, Bart., and others, who are to exercise a commission not named.

203. List of letters written by the King and Lord Arlington to different magistrates of Bristol, Norwich, Ipswich, Newcastle, Suffolk, and Norfolk. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages.]

204. Statement that on the taking the farm of the hearth money, several of the farmers being unable to pay their proportions of the 250,000*l.* to be advanced to the King, Sir Robt. Vyner and three others advanced the whole, on promise of 6 per cent. added to the King's 6 per cent., which was difficult to Sir Robert, as he had advanced 330,000*l.* for the Navy, household, and guards, in the heat of the plague; but finding themselves in danger of the statute if they take this money from their partners, they beg an allowance from the King of 4 per cent. for losses, from the time of advance to repayment.

205. Account of an office kept at the Peacock in the Strand, for advertisements of all sorts, except State affairs; viz., robberies, publications, residence of physicians, and artists, medicines, prices of goods, &c., addressed to Williamson.

Advertisements, probably intended for insertion in the Gazette, viz.:—

206. For the Exchequer that in the payments on the Act for 1,250,000*l.* order 353 is now in course as registered, and the money is waiting, and naming several earlier orders for which the money is ready; but application has

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not been made. On the Act for the Poll money, the fifty-second order is in course to be paid.

207. Of a lost greyhound, to be brought to Prince Rupert's lodgings, Stone Gallery, Whitehall.

208. Of a lunatic lost from the Golden Griffin, a coachmaker's, Great Queen Street. Signed, "George Browne."

209. Of a work by Thomas Tomking, organist of Worcester, entitled "Musica Deo sacra et Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ," to be had at the Chaunter's house, Westminster.

210. For the bringing to London by any empty vessel that passes of the contents of a Flemish hoy, wrecked on the Lincolnshire coast.

211–213. That no persons presume to make metal fire-hearths, without permission from Sir Sam. Moreland, Rich. Wigmore, and Robt. Lindsey, to whom the King has granted a patent for their new invention thereof. Three papers.

NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR:—

London Gazette, published twice a week, 34 Nos. [*Newspaper Collection, No. 3.*]

Gazette de Londres, published twice a week, 9 Nos., the first being in MS. [*Newspaper Collection, No. 7.*]

Current Intelligence, published twice a week, 9 papers. [*Newspaper, Collection, No. 2.*]

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Jan. 1.
Newmarket.

1. Earl of Thomond to [Williamson]. New-year's greetings; had the weather been fitting, would have expected him and his friends at Newmarket. Hopes Mr. Feltham has reminded him of the auditor of Ireland's warrant for the creation money, and of the letter to the Duke of Ormond from the King. The weather is freezing. Is disposed of by His Majesty. Sends duty to his mother. Harry cries for his maid, who is dead, but not of the plague. [3 pages,]

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Exeter.

2. Geo. Browning to James Hickes. The first and last expresses were delivered. Will use his interest for Mr. Williamson. Intends to be at Dartmouth the day before, to prepare some of his friends, and will give an account.

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3. Memorandum of the expense for clothes for Lord George Douglas' regiment of 1,200 soldiers, with officers; total, 1,447*l.* 2*s.*

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Jan. 1. 4. Richard Elkin to Sam. Pepys. The magistrates at his desire
Gravesend. have sent to gaol the person who forged the seaman's ticket. The
Speedwell has been at Gravesend under petty warrant. Complains
of the delays of the post, which never delivers letters under four or
five days' time. The Orange frigate has arrived; the East India
merchant is still in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1. 5. Capt. John. Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Has found out a way
Edinburgh. by which money may be exchanged when at London, so that when
he finds a good market for provisions, their correspondent at Edin-
burgh may be ready to deliver money. No sooner is a prize arrived
at Leith but there are many English factors to buy all up,
so that it is impossible to get anything but at second or third hand.
The penny says the pater noster, and no penny no pater noster
there. Does not desire to meddle with the money, but to close the
bargains and see to the payments, so that the service be not neg-
lected. Finds by ancient practice, that at whatever rate merchants
and owners give up their goods at the custom-house or admiralty,
desiring to pay customs or convoy, the King may have them at the
same rate for his own use, for present payment; His Majesty should
have the 165,000 weight of hemp unloading at Leith at the
price the merchants agreed on for the King's 15ths and the Admi-
ralty's 10ths, but an empty purse makes a shame-faced merchant.
The fleet went over Tynemouth Bar. Seven great ships which
came ashore on the coast of Shetland are all broken in pieces, and
their men drowned; it is thought, by the many bodies that are driven
ashore on the Highlands, that they were of the King of Denmark's
fleet. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Jan. 2. 6. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Corbin has not been
Edwinstow. there for six months, but is represented by deputy. Cannot
send the hoy away, having no money for rigging and repairs, nor
for land carriage of 360 loads of timber, nor for workmen's wages,
which are unpaid since 29 March last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. 7. Certificate by Capt. Fras. Willshaw that Thos. Husband,
surgeon of the Antelope, has been aboard six months and upwards,
and received no recruit of medicines, and request that he may have
a bill for six months' recruits, according to custom. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. 8. Capt. Rich. Erlesman to the Navy Comrs. The extreme
The Hawk, quantity of ice that came upon them cut the vessel an inch in the
Gravesend. plank; was forced to leave Woolwich with only four men and two or
three boys. Lost an anchor and sent the boatswain to Woolwich for
another; cannot sail without one and some more men. Asks a
press warrant to get men, being ordered by Sir Wm. Coventry to
sail for the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. Licences for the Fortune galliot, Nightingale pink, and Arthur,
all of London, laden with corn, to sail for Portugal, on security to
return by March 20. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 110.*]

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Jan. 2. 9. Ambrose Mudd to Sir John Skelton. Wishes he could answer
Dartmouth. Sir John's desire about his friend, but the Duke of York and the
Lord General have recommended a person; knows not what the
success will be.
- Jan. 3. 10. Sir John Colleton to Ambrose Mudd, merchant of Dartmouth.
St. James's. Thanks him for forwarding his election; hopes to obtain for him
the pass for a ship to Newfoundland, having already obtained
more passes than any one man in England. There is a hot alarm
of an invasion intended by the King of France, who has amassed
a force at Brest, which Holland will strengthen; it is thought to
be for Ireland, and the Duke of Ormond has secured some of the
Irish nobility, who have been practising with the French King.
Stores are sent to every suspected place in England; all governors
and officers ordered to their charges, and the ships are drawn into a
body. Advises him to wait for his ship until this hurry be over;
asks its burden and number of men, the fewer the better. Will
apply for the pass to the Duke of York, who has never yet denied
him anything. [*1½ pages.*]
- Jan. 3. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Clarendon, lieutenant of Wood-
stock manor, 80*l.* a year for keeper's wages and hay for the deer.
[*Docquet.*]
- Jan. 3. 11. Thos. Stanwix, mayor, and five of the Aldermen and Common
Council of Carlisle to the King. John Pattinson, their late town
clerk, died 16th December last, and on December 19 they chose
Jas. Nicholson, a person of known loyalty and conformity, and
request his confirmation of the election.
- Jan. 3. 12. Edw. Norreys to Williamson. Requests for the bearer,
Hen. Dixon, continuance in his office of one of the letter carriers
in the post office, that being his only support.
- Jan. 3. 13. Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Comrs. Fearing the passage
Leghorn. to England is very insecure, has transmitted a copy of his former
letter, of October 20, 1666, and begs a reply. Has no further
news of the two French men-of-war since their departure; fears
much mischief will be done by them and others; four men-of-war are
ready to sail from Toulon, and not a French merchantman but
has a letter of reprisal, and the Dutch observe the same rule. Is
troubled to think what will become of straggling vessels that are
not under good convoy; such disasters would not only be fatal to
the proprietors but of bad consequences to His Majesty, in the loss of
so many stout mariners. Hopes if a squadron of ships is spared
for those seas, it will be considerable, and that the merchantmen
will be doubly armed, and entrusted with letters of marque, so that
they may run down and weaken the enemy. No port in the
Mediterranean affords such advantages for the disposal of prizes as
Leghorn. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]
- Jan. 3. 14. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Has been informed by the
carpenter of the Blackamoor pink that she is much disabled, but as

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she was lately repaired at Portsmouth, thinks that after she has been calked and tallowed, she will be fit for sea. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *Report by Capt. Robert Seabrooke, carpenter, and three other officers, that the Blackamoor pink, lying at Woolwich, is in a dangerous condition, in case she should chance to come aground at sea.* Jan. 1667.

Jan. 3. 15. Affidavit by Anthony Barton that he gave into the office for examination of tickets the wage ticket of his father-in-law, Wm. Bethell, for services in the Mary, and believes it has been lost. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 3. 16. Andrew Crawley to the Navy Comrs. Only one ship has
Ipswich. been victualled since his last. None of the Gottenburg fleet riding in the Rolling Grounds and Ousely Bay are ordered in. There has been but one killing of oxen this week, and no bread baked nor beer brewed. The Hamburg ship laden with staves is not yet unloaded. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

16. I. *Account by Rich. Wight and Andrew Crawley of empty casks, iron hoops, and bags received from seven ships named during the month.* Ipswich, Dec. 1666.

16. II. *Account by Andrew Crawley of letters of credit granted to the pursers of two ships named for victuals.* Ipswich, Dec. 1666.

Jan. 3. 17. Rear-Admiral John Kempthorne to the Navy Comrs.
The Defiance, Laments the wants of water casks, after so many demands. As
Buoy of the it may be of importance to sail to the Downs, the Defiance and
Nore. Cambridge are going; the Fairfax will follow, but wants 100 men, and the Dunkirk 80, and provisions also. Hopes supplies of victuals from Dover, 25 days of the 3 months' allowance being spent. There is want of clothes and provisions for the sick and wounded. Requests an express order from his Royal Highness to the Governors of Dover and Deal, to give their assistance in procuring men, as there are many at those places, otherwise he must expect supplies from London. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Jan. 4. 18. Certificate by Ric. Reynell, that John Harding, surgeon of
Barber the Royal Oak, has not received any free gift or imprest money
Surgeons' Hall. since he joined the ship, 7th June, 1665, and that no bills came to hand but what are dated 24th July, 1666, upon which the money due to him has not yet been received. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 4. 19. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Pembroke sailed with
Plymouth. the Victory prize, to convoy some merchant ships bound for Cadiz. The Adventure frigate put in, having met four French and afterwards three Dutch men-of-war, and sunk one of the latter. Her rigging is much torn and foremast disabled; she shall soon be made ready for sea again. Wants money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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The Warspite,
Ousely Bay.

20. Capt. Rob. Robinson, commander of the Gottenburg squadron, to the Navy Comrs. Sir Wm. Coventry will have reported particulars of the Gottenburg ships which were separated by storm. None are wanting but the White Hind and Monk; fears they have foundered. The St. Peter had a Swede ship run aboard her which staved in her bow; she has put into Malstrand to repair, and will steer for Leith. Particulars of ships: one prize yacht will make a good fire-ship; two were burnt on the coast of Holland in sight of Brill steeple; the commander had his head, bowsprit, and all other masts down, ensign staff and all, and on the last day of '66, they (the squadron) came in with the Holland colours hanging and the King's flying. The crews are at him for the performance of a promise to receive money on their return. They have had a very disconsolate voyage, and several are dead, many put ashore sick, and all the ships so pitifully manned that he is ashamed to write about it; none shall know of it but Sir Wm. Coventry and the Board. The Norwich ketch stayed behind in Aldborough Bay; her master has carried away 30*l.* of the writer's, which he hopes they will stop, and Messrs. Stacey and Watson, masters of some Yarmouth vessels employed to fetch water, have run away with the casks. Asks them to send to Sir Thos. Meadows about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

21. Sir Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Adventure arrived, having sprung her foremast in bearing sail to get the weather guage of four French men-of-war; two days afterwards she met, to the east of the Lizard, with three Dutch men-of-war, and fought them about two hours; she has only three men wounded. The Deptford ketch is still in Catwater. Desires an order to the victualler for a petty warrant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Washborne.

22. Jo. Fowell to [Williamson]. Is glad to hear he hopes to persuade Sir John Colleton to sit down. The Duke of Albemarle, who seems much concerned for Sir John, has written a second time on his behalf. Will still use influence for Williamson with his friends, but cannot appear personally for him. Thinks he will fail unless Lord Arlington persuade Colleton to resign, and then a letter from the Lord General for Williamson would fix the fickle corporation. Plympton has offered its burgess-ship to Sir Wm. Courteney. Two prizes are brought in to Plymouth. [*2½ pages.*]

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Whitehall.

23. Petition of John Malet to the King, for the reversion in fee simple of certain manors and lands in cos. Somerset and Devon, conveyed in the late reign to the Crown on payment of 500*l.* by the petitioner's father, Sir Thos. Malet, late justice of the Court of King's Bench, to Arthnr Malet, deceased, who then held them, the said lands to be regranted to Sir Thos. Malet on payment into the Exchequer of 100*l.*, which was accordingly paid, and a patent issued October 10, 1662, regranteeing the lands, but the reversion was not granted. With reference thereon to the Attorney General, and his report, Jan. 10, 1667, in favour of the grant, the petitioner being

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wishful to provide for his children and pay his debts, and unable to do it because he cannot cut off the entail and dispose of the lands.

Jan. 4. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 239.*]

Jan. 4. Warrant of release to Sir Roger Langley, high sheriff of Yorkshire for 1664, of 768*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, arrears of hearth-money due by him, in consideration of his disbursements to an equal amount for the King's service. [*Ent. Book 14, pp. 111-2.*]

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Jan. 4. 24. Order at a general meeting of the Fishing Company, approving the proposal of Sir Edw. Ford and the petition grounded thereon, and appointing a committee to present the same to the King, and to prepare arguments in its favour, and attend the Council to speak in its defence. *Annexing,*

24. I. *Petition of the Governor and Company of the Royal Fishing to the King, for a grant of the sole power of coining and issuing farthings, not to be counterfeited, according to a proposition made by Sir Edw. Ford, he giving security to prevent the export of gold and silver, by importation of counterfeit farthings; to hinder prejudice to the people by taking back farthings at the same rate; to give 2*l.*s. worth of farthings for 20*s.* silver, and 5*s.* out of every 20*s.* to the fishing company.*

24. II. *Statement of the inconveniences and losses resulting from the issue of tradesmen's tokens, especially in the late contagion and fire, and yet that the profits of them are such that they are made, in spite of an order to the contrary.*

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Jan. 4? 25. Petition of Edw. Burton, merchant of London, to the King, for a place as consul in South Barbary. Is going to reside there as merchant on his own account and that of other merchants, and though the place is inconsiderable, thinks the establishing a consul there would encourage His Majesty's subjects in their trade. *Annexing,*

25. I. *Certificate by Sir Arth. Ingram and 13 other merchants resident in London, that Edward Burton has long lived as a merchant in Spain, has honestly discharged all trusts committed to him, and is very fit for any employment relating to trade. With original signatures.*

London, Jan. 4, 1667.

Jan. 5. 26. John Hase to Mr. Horne, Westminster. Has got with much ado 31 barrels of gunpowder, 100 muskets, and 40 pairs of pistols. The time for acting is January 6 or 20, whichever is most convenient. Is to fall on the King at Whitehall, and his brother on Lord Monk at the Cockpit; the Major is to fall on Westminster, Capt. Rabosis on St. James's, and the trained band to serve them. Is first to fire King Street and the Strand.

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27. John Gryce to Lord Arlington. Mr. Booth says that before the end of February, 20,000 arms will be landed in Scotland, and the French and Dutch will sail "for the coast of Scotland, and out of the last stir there would so much arise as would set all the three kingdoms in an uproar." Some friends from Ireland and Scotland tell him all things go as well as could be wished. Wants indemnity from the King or his lordship for things done in the service. Will serve His Majesty in public or private whilst he lives.

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St. James's.

28. Sir John Colleton to Ambrose Mudd, merchant of Dartmouth. Asked the Duke of York for a pass for the ship requested by Mudd, naming him as being of Dartmouth, and having interest in the election; the Duke promised its dispatch in Council, but the only petition that could be found was one desiring the removal of some guns, the fortifying some place, and a supply of arms and powder. On this account the King referred the petition to the Lord General, saying, "My Lord, I am sure you will do what may be in this matter, for Sir John Colleton appears in it." Could have sent a pass and protection by this post, had that been all that was required. If the other things are required, reasons must be given, for the Lord General says that the same complaints have been made concerning the planters in Newfoundland, who pull down the ships' stages, steal their boats, and do other mischiefs, and thinks the complaint came from Dartmouth; Sir Thos. Clifford or Mr. Fowell caused the petition to be rejected. Must have further instructions before he can proceed. Advises him to ask only a pass and protection; bonds will be needed before the ship departs. Can serve the town in things of this nature, and in convoys, as well as any man in England. [*Copy, 2 pages.*]

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Saturday.

29. Thos. Lloyd to Williamson. Mr. Herne thinks Williamson's affair secure enough, at least so far concluded that all other interests will be too late. There is no danger of Sir John Colleton, and Sir John thinks no one but Williamson stands as fair as himself. Wishes he had known Williamson's mind earlier.

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30. Nath. Herne to Williamson. The Dartmouth election will be between Williamson and Sir John Colleton. Asks if Sir John is or has been engaged in the chimney money business, or the Canary Company, as that would spoil his design. Plympton wants a burgess; might perhaps serve Williamson there, should he fail [for Dartmouth].

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Exeter.

31. Geo. Browning to Williamson. Was from home when his first two letters came; forwarded his to Mr. Fowell at once. Has had so good a character of his worth and ability that he will think it a service to the King and country, as well as to the town, to be instrumental to bring him in, and keep some lukewarm gentleman out. Has written to four burgesses, and will go [to Dartmouth] the day before the election, to use his interest with others. Sir John Colleton sent an express to the mayor of Dartmouth a day before Williamson's. [*2 pages.*]

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32. Warrant for a grant to Sir Peter Killigrew of one of the King's waiter's places in the port of London, when such shall fall in after the admission of Henry Simons and two others already nominated.

Jan. 5. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 111.*]

Jan. 5. Licence for a Swedish vessel, the Leyonberg of Stockholm, now in France, to trade to the West Indies; granted on petition of Sir John Barkman, resident of the King of Sweden, and Jacob Barkman. [*Ent. Book 14, pp. 112b-113.*]

Jan. 5. Commission to Chas. Lord Gerard of Brandon to command the militia of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 139a.*]

Jan. 5. 33. John Tooker to the Navy Comrs. Journal of his proceedings in examining ships named, lying in the river, with an account of their condition, wants, &c. The river and shore towards London are very much frozen. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Jan. 5. 34. Petition of John Godsuffe, surgeon, to the Navy Comrs. Was employed on 21st April, 1665, by Mr. Crispin, deputy victualler at Kinsale, to take care of sick and wounded seamen until May 26, 1666. Has not received one penny of the allowance of 10s. per day promised for his care and pains the 400 days he was so employed, although he was deprived of all other ways of gaining a livelihood. Prays speedy payment; with certificate, by Wm. Crispin, Jan. 5, that John Godsuffe served in the capacity and for the number of days mentioned. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. 35. John Shales to the Navy Comrs. There have been 26 oxen
Portsmouth. and 132 hogs slaughtered this week. Victualling of the Eagle and Nonsuch. Has been ill, but is better. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. 36. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. If the King will grant
Dieppe. him liberty to come in with a ship, shall be glad to see them. The bearer has six tons of cable yarn at 45s. sterling per cwt.; has more if required, and also some hemp at 43s., which is the price it stands him in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. 37. Petition of Edith Robinson to Lord Brouncker, for admission to his presence to show cause why she ought to receive the money due on John Michell and William Webster's tickets. With note [by three Navy Comrs.] that the tickets mentioned were delivered by the Board to Mr. Carkase, to be kept for the Board's disposal. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 7. 38. Herbert Aubrey to Williamson. Requests his influence with Sir Phil. Warwick, who covertly supports Wm. Bowdler, in opposing the writer for the receiver's place for the poll money, pretending that the ministers of state design it for the same persons who are now receivers of the Royal aid. Protests that his care and integrity will not disgrace his friends.

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Jan. 7. Moscow. 39. Dr. Collins, physician to the Emperor of Russia, to Mr Sanderson. Wishes the English brick-maker he mentioned were in England; he can shoot melted lead without gunpowder, which will destroy ten times more than small shot; he has strange fire-darts to destroy rigging, and had he learning, he would be more famous than Archimedes; with an honest pension he would prove the best engineer the King has. Would write to Sir Maurice Berkeley, a great patron of mechanics, about him, but thinks he is at his government in Connaught. [*Extract.*]
- Jan. 7. The Strand. 40. Ja. Robinson to Lord Arlington. His last letter, 18 months ago, on prevention of the Bishop of Munster's disgrace and the conjunction of the French and Hollanders, was treated with disrespect, therefore abandoned Mr. Carew to his own ways, which have not proved successful. Another occasion presents itself, which will constrain the Hollanders to addresses for peace, and advantage the King and people, but a little money is wanted; his own spending money grows low. Begs an answer by Mr. Williamson.
- Jan. 7. Ordnance Office. 41. Ed. Sherburne to Sir John Duncombe. The guns presented by His Majesty to the King of Bantam were three brass culverins, each 10 feet in length; the charge was 908*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* Three tons of round shot, costing 36*l.* were sent for them; also 100 muskets, which cost 130*l.*; also a standing carriage, 100 bandoleers, and other things, value 83*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, all which were paid out of 1,286*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* received from the East India Company for that purpose.
- Jan. 7. 42. Declaration by the Governors of the Charter House of their election of Henry Lord Arlington as one of their governors, in place of Sir John Glynn, serjeant-at-law, lately deceased. With eight signatures. [*Copy, 2 pages.*]
- Jan. 7. Dover. 43. F. Hosier to the Navy Comrs. Cannot forward the last month's account, and the balance for the last year, because the victualling of the Revenge is not completed. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 7. Hawk ketch, Hope. 44. Capt. Rich. Erlesman to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order to Capt. Willes of the Centurion frigate to discharge Nathan Buskin from his ship, and to deliver his ticket to his mother; has entered him as midshipman on board the Hawk, on which he came to Deptford, to get passage to the Centurion, then at Long Reach. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 7. The Milkmaid, Gravesend. 45. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. Several men have run away from his ship, for fear of being pressed into other ships, four having been pressed before into the Fairfax. Has not men sufficient, but will send to Comr. Pett for six labourers; his ship ran foul of a Spaniard, which for want of a man at the helm, had her bowsprit and part of her head broken. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 8. Harwich. 46. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Was going to convoy two of the Gottenburg fleet to the Humber, but has been sent in to Harwich from Ouseley Bay with their sick men, and has orders

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to return thither from the Humber. Desires that a surgeon may be sent to meet him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Edinburgh.

47. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Desisted dealing for the 275 packets of hemp, of six cwt. a piece, prior to receiving their order. The owners are taking all of it, and also the potashes, and laying them up in the cellars for sale in that kingdom, which with other goods sold, will amount to 9,000*l.* English. The owners compounded for the King's 15ths at 120*l.* and the Admiralty's 10ths at 200*l.*, and there was a like composition for a hogshead of furs (?) discovered by the searchers. The timber cannot be brought down from the woods of Glen Tannor, and several others in the North, except they be burnt in tar, and brought in small vessels to the water side. Desires, since the galliot with the hemp has arrived, that when she is disposed of, he may be freed of his bill given to Earl Rothes and Lord Ballington [Ballenden?], and that his credit may be preserved by performance of the accord made for the seamen in a time of necessity. A Holland vessel with a small quantity of barrelled cod is brought in. The Commissioner of Parliament sits at one o'clock to-morrow. Has little or no news of the Whigs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8.
Dartmouth.

48. Giles Ivy to John Page, merchant of London. Thinks so considerable a party is gained for Mr. Williamson that the business will not miscarry. Cannot send a list of his friends, as some are unwilling to discover themselves. The mayor has had a letter in behalf of Sir Walter Young as burgess. Hopes the town will not miss so worthy a person as Mr. Williamson.

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49. Mr. Gloxon to [Williamson]. Wants the papers in French not in English. Asks his resolution about the desired correspondence. [*French.*]

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50. Certificate by Sir Jo. Wolstenholme and 28 other [merchants of London?], that John Ward, merchant of London, served his apprenticeship with John Read, merchant in Lisbon, speaks Spanish and Portuguese, understands Dutch and French, has been on voyages to many parts of the world, and is well accomplished in the affairs of traffic and merchandise. [*Original signatures.*]

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51. Certificate by Robt. Stadd and six other [merchants of London?] that the trade of Algiers is not confined to any company, but free to all the King's subjects; that it is meagrely managed by the Barbary and Italian merchants, and that John Ward, who has requested the place of consul there, will faithfully and diligently manage the trust. [*Original signatures.*]

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52. Notice of a meeting of the Royal Adventurers of England, trading to Africa, on Thursday, Jan. 10, to choose the governor and officers for the next year.

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Commission for Edw. Roscarrock, to be captain of the company in the Admiral's regiment, lately commanded by Hercules Low. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 137a.*]

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- Jan. 8. Commission for Hercules Low to be captain of Major Roscarrock's company in Scilly. . Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 137a.*]
- Jan. 8. Privy seal authorizing the Lord High Treasurer to order the delivery of French and Canary wines, custom free, for the use of the Ambassador of Spain's family. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 313.*]
- Jan. 8. Warrant for a pension of 150*l.* a year to Ann widow of Capt. Golding, to commence from June 1665. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 314.*]
- Jan. 8. Warrant to the Attorney General to prepare a surrender of the office of commissioner of the navy, granted 14th May 1662, to Sir William Coventry. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 314.*]
- [Jan. 8.] 53. Draft of the above.
- Jan. 8. Warrant for a grant to Mary Countess of Falmouth of the 1,000 acres of land, wood, &c., called Doles, part of the late forest of Chute, cos. Wilts and Hants, forfeit to the Crown by attainder of Edm. Ludlow, on whose father it devolved as a lapsed mortgage, from Chas. Pawlett, of Woodhouse, co. Hants. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 315-6.*]
- Jan. 8. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay 564*l.* to Sir E. Spragg, being the proceeds of sale of the Hope of Amsterdam, a prize ship ordered to be delivered to him, but which has been disposed of, Sir Edward having been already disappointed in a former grant of a ship. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 318.*]
- Jan. 8. Licences for the Diligence and the John of Southampton, laden with corn, to go to Portugal, on security to return by 20 March. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 110.*]
- Jan. 9. 54. Geo. Robinson to Williamson. Wishes to tell him what some
London. people have said about the Dartmouth affair, unless he be already sure of it. Is dining at Sir Martin Noel's, King's Head Tavern, Chancery Lane.
- Jan. 9. 55. Order in Council, on the petition of John Stace, merchant of
Whitehall. London, for a permission to him to unlade a quantity of resin and turpentine, wine, and cork, shipped from Bourdeaux in three vessels, which might have arrived before the time limited by proclamation, had it not been for contrary winds. *Annexing,*
55. 1. *Note of goods unladen from two vessels named.*
- Jan. 9. Dispensation for Maurice Gethin, high sheriff of Denbighshire, to
Whitehall. live out of the county, at his house at Islington, on account of his age, 70 years, and his ill health, he appointing a sufficient deputy. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 115.*]
- Jan. 9. 56. List by John Tooker of nine men of the Roger and Susan
who appeared at his musters, and of two who had run. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 10. Cockpit. 57. Duke of Albemarle to Sir W. Penn. Sends the petition of Peter Streeting and five seamen named, who served in the Royal Charles, and desires assistance that their tickets for wages may be paid off. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 10. Portsmouth. 58. James Pugh to Sir John Mennes. Would have paid the Eagle, but Comr. Middleton postponed payment until to-morrow, as he intends her to sail immediately after, lest the men get ashore. Arrival of 10 ships named. Asks if they are to be paid before he comes up, and if so, requires another clerk to prevent mistakes. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 10. 59. Examination of George Purvis, master, and four other officers named, touching the surrender of their ship the Prince to the Dutch, on June 3, 1666; tending to prove that she was steering in according to [orders when she ran aground; that Tromp brought a fire-boat on each side to compel her to surrender, but that the flag was struck without the knowledge of the captain, Sir G. A. [George Ayscue], though one witness affirmed that he consented to its being struck. [*Adm. Paper, 5 pages.*]
- Jan. 10. 60. Petition of Charles Gifford to the King, for present support or a recommendation to some prince in amity with His Majesty; has spent six years in attendance, hoping performance of his gracious promises of a livelihood, but the grant which he obtained was disapproved by the officers; has exhausted his fortunes, run 1,000*l.* in debt, and his creditors are so violent that he will be imprisoned unless speedily relieved.
- Jan. 10. 61. Petition of Edward Marquis of Worcester to the King, for a grant in fee farm of a house called Vauxhall, which he built at cost of 9,000*l.* for an operatory for engines and artists to work public works, and has expended 50,000*l.* in experiments therein; his right to the same was excepted in a grant of the manor of Kennington to Lord Moore.
- Jan. 10. 62. Order in the House of Commons for Mr. Bagnall to be permitted to go into the country. [*Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VIII., p. 673.*]
- Jan. 10. 63. Geo. Robinson to Williamson. Thos. Boone lies at Mr. Strong's, a glover, in Bishopsgate Street. Will take care that Mr. Cupper and such others as can be procured are written to.
- Jan. 10. London. 64. Monsieur Verbecq to Williamson. Lord Arlington has promised him a permit to speak to Coureur, prisoner in the Tower; requests its delivery to the bearer. Wants a passport for Henry Doniselaer, a Dutch boy now in France, who is to come into his service. [*French, 1½ pages.*]
- Jan. 11. Dartmouth. 65. [Rich.] Cliffe to Mr. Page. Used all possible influence for Mr. Williamson to have a free election, and thought he would carry it; but Sir Walter Young, a gentleman of the county, has been

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highly recommended by Sec. Morice and others, which has strangely influenced many electors. Sir John [Colleton]'s party is weakest. The mayor [Thos. Iago] is so reserved that no one knows what he will do; is remaining there to serve Mr. Williamson; expects to encounter some Canary storms, but still to weather them. [*Extract.*]

Jan. 11. 66. [Edw.] Tyldesley to [Thos.] Bowyer. Since Dr. Rushton's death, the Earl of Derby has sent a letter to the corporation of Preston, to suspend their election till he has resolved whom to recommend; but they, like stubborn people, have made choice for themselves of Vice-Chancellor Otway, who will undoubtedly be elected. [*Extract.*]

Jan. 11. Licences for the James of Southampton and the Simon and Martha, laden with corn, to go to Portugal, on security to return before March 20. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 110.*]

Jan. 11. Like licence for the Lucy of Penryn. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 115.*]

Jan. 11. Pass for Sir John Webster to come into England. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 317.*]

Jan. 11. Warrant for an order to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay from the 15,000*l.* lately assigned to the treasury of the chamber 2,100*l.* to Alex. Reading and George Clarkson, the two clerks of the cheque, and to the forty messengers of the chamber in ordinary, being one year's salary, out of three and a half years which they are in arrears. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 318.*]

Jan. ? 67. Petition of the Serjeant Trumpeter and the rest of the Trumpeters and Kettle-drummer to the King, for one year's salary out of the 15,000*l.* assignment now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Chamber; are two or three years in arrears, and many of them strangers, and reduced to great distress. *Annexing,*

67. I. *Note that the year's salary for the serjeant trumpeter, 16 trumpeters, and kettle-drummer, would come to 1,120*l.**

Jan. 11. Warrant for an order to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to Gervase Price, serjeant trumpeter, and to the 16 trumpeters and kettle-drummer 1,120*l.* being part of the salary of three years which they are in arrears. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 319.*]

Jan. 11. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to pay to Sir Edward Carteret 68*l.* 4*s.*, on behalf of the gentleman ushers, in lieu of diet for two waiters on Sundays and festival days, being their right during the year of suppression of diet, from Sept. 1663 to 1664; and for daily diet thence to July 1665, at 4*s.* a day, as granted to the cupbearers, carvers, and sewers. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 321.*]

[Jan. 11.] 68. Draft of the above.

Jan. ? 69. Petition of Capt. John Hubbard to the King, for the prize fly-boat, the Clapmouse of Horne. Served in the late expedition at sea as commander of the Royal Charles, but will fail to reap benefit

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by His Majesty's order for him to share with the flag officers the wine and brandy taken in the Tulip prize, because it was already divided.

Jan. 11. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the ship Clapmouse to Capt. John Hubbard, or its proceeds, if it be already disposed of. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 321.*]

Jan. 11. Warrant for a grant to Edw. Progers, in reversion after the Duke of Albemarle, of the office of Keeper, Paler, &c., of the Middle Park or North Park of Hampton Court, co. Middlesex, and declaration of the King's approval of the appointment by the said Duke of Progers to act as his deputy during his life, the said Duke retaining the fees in his own hands. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 321-4.*]

[Jan. 11.] 70. Draft of the above.

Jan. 11. 71. Sir Edw. Walker to Sir W. Batten. Sir W. Coventry Whitehall. desired him to send the enclosed information by the informant, whom he might further examine. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

71. I. *Information of Adrian Gyles, of Stepney, taken before Thos. Bayles, of an embezzlement reported by quartermasters Hill and Pope, of 400l. worth of rigging and other materials belonging to the Plymouth frigate, by the boatswain, with connivance of quartermaster Flowers. With note that the informant is sent to the guard till needed.* Jan. 9, 1667.

71. II. *Note for an order to be made out for the attendance of the three quartermasters named and the informant.*

71. III. *Thos. Bayles to Sir Edw. Walker. Requests that Adrian Gyles may have the said order.*

Jan. 11. 72. Thos. Waltham, muster master, to the Navy Comrs. The Plymouth. Adventure sailed with her convoys for Barbadoes. Sends muster books. Capt. Hogg with his prize is ready to sail the first opportunity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 11. 73. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The purser of the Revenge having Dover. indented, sends the last month's accounts. Hopes they will excuse the delay. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

73. I. *Accounts of casks, iron hoops, and bags received from five ships named, and of letters of credit for victuals given to five ships named.* [2 pages.] Dover, Dec. 1666.

Jan. 11. 74. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Thanks them for The Warspite, their care in the payment of the men. The ships appointed for that Spithead. place have arrived safe. The Monk is in the Humber and only the White Hind wanting. The books of most of the ships should be there. Will hasten the ships with stores, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Woolwich.

75. Christopher Pett, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Has sent a person to treat with Mr. Showell for the elm timber, as for a private person. Entreats some effectual course for sending in timber from Whittlewood and Alice Holt forests, as the last of the timber in store is now in hand. The Dartmouth will be fit for launching in three weeks, so that unless he is furnished with timber or some other repairs are ordered, he will be forced to discharge all the men, in which case their wages should be got ready. Desires orders for the repair of the Swallow, and for 100 Hamburg deals to finish the Dartmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 11.
Gravesend.

76. Rich. Elkin, muster-master, to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of ships departing, or in the harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 11.
Conpill.

77. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Will go to Bristol and agree for sails with the sailmaker who made for the St. Patrick. Is in great want of the timber which has been long ready in the forest, to finish and launch the ship. The men have been forced to leave their work to get money to buy provisions, the country not being able to trust them any longer. If there is not a speedy supply ordered, shall be unable to keep a man on the work; they have not been paid up this half-year, and their cry is every day, whether he intends to keep them upon the work without money, until they are famished. Has engaged his word to the country for provisions for the men till they can bear no longer, and is also engaged for iron for the smiths, but does not know how to go for any more. Desires that some speedy course may be taken. The ship has only some finishing work to be performed; it will be a useless charge to send down any of the officers save the boatswain, but his presence will forward the rigging, &c. With money and 30 loads of timber, could launch her in February. Asks orders as to the blocks. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Jan. 12.
Dover.

78. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends his balanced accounts for victualling of ships and provisions issued to pursers; gives explanations thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12.
Ipswich.

79. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been victualled since his last. The St. Patrick and Oxford came into Harwich to be repaired. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12.
Portsmouth.

80. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Nine oxen and 156 hogs were killed this week. Victualling of ships. Sends amendments in his accounts for 1666 of casks, iron hoops, &c., received. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

80. I. *Account by John Shales of credit for victuals given to the pursers of three ships named. Portsmouth, Dec. 1666.*

80. II. *Account by John Shales and Wm. Thorogood of casks, iron hoops, and bags returned by five ships named in December, 1666, and by two others, February 14 and May 4, 1666. Portsmouth, Dec. 1666.*

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Jan. 12. 81. Capt. Nath. Batt to the Navy Comrs. Had Capt. Barton's
The Success. boat and men to assist in pressing 14 or 16 men in Nov. 1665,
but knows nothing about his taking or stealing any person out of
the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12. 82. Rich. Elkin, muster-master, to the Navy Comrs. Could not
Gravesend. intimate their desire to Capt. Erlesman, as the Hawk had sailed,
but has sent a copy to him at the Downs. Sends names of the
ships in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12. 83. William Blackett, mayor, Mar. Millbank, Hen. Maddison, and
Newcastle-on-Tyne. Hen. Brabant, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Sir William Coventry. The
vessel sent with the express to the captains of the frigates at Got-
tenburg has returned. Send the account of John Bower, owner, for
25*l.* 15*s.* paid to her crew; beg payment of the same; also of the
wages of the pilot impressed for the voyage, and recompense to
the owner for the hire of the vessel. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

83. I. *Report by Alex. Dixon and 13 other masters of the Trinity House, Newcastle, that John Moreton, impressed as pilot for Gottenburg, served three months, and that 16*l.* sterling ought to be paid to him for his services. 10 Jan. 1667.*

83. II. *John Bower to Sir W. Coventry. Has paid the men who sailed in his galliot with the packet for Gottenburg, as they were very poor and had wives and children. The mayor has promised to write to their honours for an order of reimbursement. Hopes to be considered for the ship, which was impressed 20th October, and returned with the fleet 25th December, 1666. Newcastle, Jan. 11, 1667.*

Jan. 12. 84. Pass for 30 horses into Ireland, for Rich. Earl of Arran.
Whitehall.

Jan. 12. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 326.*]

Jan. $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{2}$. 85. Monsieur Du Mesnil to Clement Bidou, at M. Parant's, banker,
Nantes. London. Thanks for his news of the proscriptions against the
poor priests, the prohibition of manufactures, and the wonderful
miracle at the church of St. Paul. [*French.*]

Jan. 12. 86. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to order the delivery of the
Whitehall. prize ship Notre Dame of St. John de Luz, now in Plymouth, to Sir
Wm. St. Ravy, in discharge of 700*l.* due to him for wines furnished
for the King. *Annexing,*

86. I. *Notice in English and French of an old ship, the Virgin of Biscay, of 250 tons, most of her tackle and apparel taken away, which is to be sold at Plymouth 12th Jan. 1667, and is only fit for the whale fishery. Endorsed "Sir Wm. St. Ravy."*

Jan. Entry of the above warrant, the date altered to Jan. 16. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 326.*]

Jan. 12. 87. [John Page] to Rich. Cliffe. A writ is this night sent down to
London. choose a burgess for Dartmouth; begs him to remain in the town till

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the election is over, for should he go to Brixham, many friends might be wrought on in his absence, as Sir John Colleton's party is very prevalent. Thinks Mr. Mudd and Mr. Newman were carried away by the Duke's letters, but might be brought over, since both Dukes have declared in favour of Williamson. Sir Walter Young, a very sober gentleman, is standing, but he cannot do the town a pennyworth of service out of Parliament. Particulars of electors, and instructions how to proceed; all his expenses will be paid, and if Mr. Williamson succeed, his friends are to have a handsome treat at the tavern. Also,

[John Page] to Wm. Hurt and Giles Ivy. Does not feel assured by Mr. Ivy's letters of Williamson's election. Thinks the Duke's letters have created Sir John Colleton a considerable party, or he would not have had six votes. Particulars of voters and directions how to secure them. Wishes Mr. Williamson to be nominated last, as many of Sir Walter Young's party will be for him if Sir Walter lose it. If any one lay stress on the Duke of York's letter, he is to be assured that the Duke had rather Williamson were chosen than Sir J. Colleton. [*Copies, 3 pages.*]

Jan. 13.
Washborne.

88. Jo. Fowell to Williamson. Wishes him not to estimate the writer's influence in Dartmouth too highly, lest he may be thought not to have done his best. Hoped Sir John Colleton would have sat down; his interest is greatest, for he had engaged before hand most of the considerable merchants of the town, except the mayor, his brother, Walter Iago, John Hayne, and Mr. Newman, who are the sufficientest men of the town. Hopes the election will not be suddenly. Another burgess-ship is void by the death of Mr. Edgecombe. Will soon go to Dartmouth and give his opinion of those fickle-headed people. [*2½ pages.*]

Jan. 13.
Exeter.

89. G. Browning to Sir Philip Frowde. Has not neglected to answer letters requiring it, and has received Mr. Williamson's thanks for attention to his business. The mails to Honiton go quicker than usual; if there be any fault it is in Mr. Hall, who has bad horses.

Jan. 13.
Dartmouth.

90. Owen Lindsey to Sir Philip Frowde. Mr. Lowther was looked upon as a debauched fellow when in Dartmouth, but has deserted his wife and child, and is said to be in London; his wife has not heard from him for a month. There are four persons recommended to the town, but Mr. Williamson's party is the greatest.

Jan. 13.
Plymouth.

91. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends the accounts for victualling of ships. Explanations thereon. Craves some grains of allowance, being a novice when he entered upon the business; having to attend on the Lords in London, was forced to entrust his business to others unskilful in accounts. Likes to sift everything for himself, like the first inventors of sciences, or like Archimedes when he found out his invention and cried "εὕρηκα!" [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

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- Jan. 14. 92. Lieut. Sa. Lawson to the Navy Comrs. Received Comr. Pett's order at the Nore, and in the absence of the captain, who is sick on shore, has brought the frigate to Gravesend Reach. Has before sent an account of her wants, and awaits their commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 14. 93. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore, Ordnance Officers, to the Ordnance Office. Navy Comrs. Do not employ any vessels constantly, but agree with them by the freight, and when done with, they are discharged. Take up no vessels to a place to pay them whether they go empty or full. The Dove for Dublin sailed with a convoy from the Nore; have not heard of her arrival. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 14. 94. Capt. Chas. Wylde, of the Centurion, to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order for setting the furnaces, which has been delayed by the frost. Has 60 soldiers on board, and it is great trouble to boil their meat in a small kettle, which is employed all day and not able to satisfy them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 14. 95. Rose Braman to Sam. Pepys. There is 600*l.* due upon imprest bills granted to John Braman, her husband, for ironwork, which cannot be received, as according to Sir Geo. Carteret, they amount to too much in one bill. Encloses two bills made out by the clerks of the cheque of Deptford and Woolwich, and requests orders to them to parcel their contents into smaller bills, that some payment may be obtained, as through want of money, her husband has almost lost his credit. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 14. 96. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Thanks for his letter. Requests him to direct any future letter to Lord Percy at Petworth.
- Jan. 14. 97. John Hayne to Williamson. Has done his utmost, at request of Sir John Frederick and Nath. Herne, to promote Williamson's election, but the opposition is strong. Sir John Colleton had the advantage of the two Dukes' letters at first, is related to several magistrates, well known to the inhabitants, and especially is a merchant, which is much considered by people that depend on trade. Is helped by none in the town but Wm. Hurt and Giles Ivy, Custom House officers. Sees no hope of the election, unless Sir John Colleton or Sir Walter Young will resign their interest to Williamson. If Sir John intend to resign, it should be kept secret a week longer.
- Jan. 14. 98. Nath. Herne to Williamson. Sir John Noel has also put in for Dartmouth, but will be able to do nothing; Sir John Corriton [Colleton]'s party grows stronger; Mr. Mudd and all the magistrates of the town, except the mayor, are violent for him. Friends from Totness, Exeter, and Plymouth have gone to Dartmouth, on purpose to secure Williamson's election. Mr. Maudit of Exeter, agent for the wine licences and excise, solicits everybody in behalf of Sir John Corriton. Fears the gentry Williamson relies on are false to him, and also Mr. Cliffe and Seaman. If Williamson's friends cannot

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carry him, they will favour Sir W. Y[oung] rather than Sir J. C[olleton]. Thinks Sir John Skelton is for Colleton, but might not have been had his petition succeeded. Had Lord Arlington written to the mayor and magistrates, that might have balanced the Duke's letter. Will be all to-morrow at a public sale at the East India House. It is said the King will name a neutral place for a treaty. Asks if any is likely to take place. [2 pages.]

Jan. 14. 99. [Lord] Herbert [of Chirbury] to Williamson. Wishes the speedy issuing of the commission granted to his brother, Hen. Herbert, for Capt. Molroyen's company in the Lord Admiral's regiment.

Jan. 14. The King to the Bishop of Durham. Requests the bestowal upon Dr. Thos. Smith, his chaplain, already a prebendary of Durham, of the prebend void by decease of Dr. Naylor; Dr. Smith's vacant prebend to be bestowed on John Durel, formerly recommended. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 71.*]

[Jan. 14.] 100. Draft of the above.

Jan. 14. 101. Warrant to the Officers of Customs in the port of London to discharge the ship *Diana* of Amsterdam, sent over for prisoners to Holland, and seized because she has imported goods thence; granted, because such ships have before imported goods, and because the Admiralty of Holland permit ships going from England with prisoners to import goods. [*Copy.*]
Whitehall.

Jan. 14. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 324.*]

Jan. 14. Pass for four horses into France, custom free, sent by the Earl of Aylesbury. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 325.*]

Jan. 14. Pass for 15 horses into France, custom free, for the Earl of St. Alban's. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 325.*]

Jan. 14. Pass for — Bagnall, member of the House of Commons, to go beyond sea. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 325.*]

Jan. 14. Commission for the Earl of Rutland to be Lieutenant of Leicestershire. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 327.*]

Jan. 14. 102. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to sell the *Deborah* of Amsterdam, and to pay the entire proceeds to Hugh May, towards buildings at Greenwich.
Whitehall.

Jan. 14. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 327.*]

[Jan. 14.] 103. Warrant for a grant to John Malet, son of the late Sir Thos. Malet, of the manor of St. Audrey's and others, Somersetshire, and of Gittisham, Devonshire, the ancient inheritance of the family, but granted to be held of the Crown by Arthur Malet, son of Sir Thomas, on trust to preserve the same in the family by a regrant to Sir T. Malet, on payment of 100*l.* into the Exchequer.
Whitehall.

Jan. 14. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 327-8.*]

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Jan. 14.

Warrant to allow, on Sir George Downing's accounts of the 5,000*l.* granted him for relief of prisoners taken [at sea, such sums as have been employed in exchanging and transporting prisoners. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 14.

Whitehall.

104. Warrant for a grant to Robert Starre, of the office of Waiter in the port of London, void by death of — Phillips.

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105. Petition of Peter the Moor to the King, to be mounted and listed in the Life Guard, or to have some employment in the Navy. Served five years at Tangiers, bringing in horses, cattle, &c., for the garrison. His brother and 12 more natives were slain in the service, and peace being made without proviso for his security, the deputy governor thinks he should address His Majesty for relief.

Jan. 15.

Commission for Henry Herbert to be Capt. to Edw. Molroyen's company, in the Admiral's regiment. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140.*]

Jan. 15.

Dartmouth.

106. Owen Lindsey to James Hicke. Thanks for the proposed favour of Mr. Williamson's correspondence. Thinks there is little doubt of his being chosen burgess, he having the largest party of the four. Mr. Newman is a justice of the peace and deputy vice-admiral. With note [from Hicke to Williamson] begging that Lindsey may have the correspondence.

Jan. 15.

107. [Jas. Hicke to Williamson]. Gives a list of 13 letters sent to Dartmouth, 4 to Totness, and 2 to Plymouth, from John Page, John Boughton, Sir John Frederic, Sir Thos. Clifford, and Williamson himself, and wishes him all good success [in the election].

Jan. 15.

Dartmouth.

108. Thomas Newman to Williamson. Wishes to serve him, having received a good account of his ability as burgess, but doubts success, because Sir John Colleton, by reason of his relations, has so great a party, and Sir Walter Young is pressed on by most of the eastern deputy lieutenants of the county.

Jan. 15.

Totness.

109. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Is very willing to serve any friend of Mr. Comptroller, particularly himself. The Duchess of York has written to the Mayor of Dartmouth for Sir John Colleton, as well as the Dukes of York and Albemarle. Hopes the freemen of Dartmouth will not choose such a self-interested man. The writs being come, it will soon be settled.

Jan. 15.

Dartmouth.

110. Ric. Cliffe to Williamson. Has had many difficulties to encounter in promoting his pretensions to the burgess-ship; the greatest is Sir Walter Young, who has the influence of the gentry near, of several in London, and some at Court, and will most likely carry it, for some persons have dealt very deceitfully. Has not yet quite lost hope.

Jan. 15.

Dartmouth.

111. John White (?) to Williamson. Is satisfied with his fitness to serve, and doubts not his success had he been known earlier, but now many are engaged to Sir Walter Young. Will not play double as many do, and if it be probable that Williamson may succeed, will promote his desires.

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112. T. Bowyer to Edw. Tyldesley. As to the great Earl's endeavour to pin some pitiful burgess on the corporation of Preston, and the town's resolution to adhere to Mr. Otway, assures him that the person for whom Lord Arlington wrote to the Earl of Derby is his lordship's secretary, Mr. Williamson, a person known and honoured by him, a man of learning and incomparable goodness, who may do signal service to the place he represents, the county, and the kingdom. Wishes him to turn every stone, and let nothing be wanting to secure the election.

Jan. 15.

113. T. Bowyer to the Earl of Derby. Requests him to create, as burgess for Preston, Mr. Williamson, Lord Arlington's secretary, a man of singular reputation, who loves honour and justice, will plead the cause of the distressed, and scorns to put a price upon his favours.

Jan. 15.

Custom House,
London.

114. Request to Mr. Ward, at the Custom House, to assist the bearer to find three carpets sent from Smyrna, a Parmesan cheese from Leghorn, and some oats from Whitby, for J. W[illiamson], and a Parmesan cheese from Leghorn for Lord Arlington; with order by Sir John Wolstenholme for the said goods to be delivered to the bearer, as belonging to Lord Arlington. [*1½ pages.*]

Jan. 15.

London.

115. T. Heinsius to Sir John Sayer, Whitehall. Complains again of Jno. Carlisle, clerk of the passage at Dover, for charging 10*d.* each more head-money for passage of released English prisoners coming from the Netherlands, though Sir G. Downing satisfied him that they ought to pay nothing, and though the writer promised him 6*d.* a head, before the Commissioners for prisoners at war, for peace' sake. Begg Lord Arlington's orders to Carlisle to desist from such demands in future.

Jan. 15.

Whitehall.

116. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. The money for the Guernsey has been sent to Chatham, but for want of the books and absence of the officers, nothing has been done. The money for the St. Andrew is gone to Deptford, but the books are not ready; proceedings should be taken against the purser for his negligence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 15.

Plymouth.

117. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Reports the good condition of the Notre Dame de Carmis; she may be fitted for a fire-ship at the same charge as any merchant ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 15.

118. [Pat.] Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Has seen Mr. Cutler's intentions to injure them and ruin him. If his pretensions were worth anything, he would not deny a decision by arbitrators. Desires they will persuade him to adopt that course, or return what money he has had belonging to the Navy. [*Adm. Paper, copy.*]

Jan. 15.

Edinburgh.

119. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Does not presume to have any correspondents in London save themselves. Wishes if prizes arrive with stores for shipping, to prevent victuallers with ready money from carrying away ship and goods before he can advise

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the Board. Wishes some merchant in London would write down to monied men there that when the writer found any prize had come in with provisions, he should have them at their honours' price, so that he might step in boldly to buy, and see both receipt of goods and payment of the captains and owners, and the shipping of them for London; desires no money in hand but what will be required for workmen and shipping the goods aboard. Hopes no man who was pressed out of George Strachan's ship may be returned, otherwise shall never get any more seamen to believe him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16.
Bristol.

120. Fra. Baylie to Thos. Hayter. Cannot send the justices' names for the warrants at present, as some have been in London. Wants one for Bristol, and one for Worcestershire, for teams to draw timber out of Herefordshire. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16.
Bristol.

121. Fra. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Progress in building his ship. Has 60 men continually hewing and felling timber, but the season for the land carriage is very bad, and the ways rotten by much rain, snow, and ice, so that the cattle cannot draw. The goods remain at the waterside, the river being frozen up. Is forced to make many hard shifts for want of money to do business with. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16.
Woolwich.

122. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of works necessary to be done to the Crown, and desires a warrant therefor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16.
Woolwich
Ropeyard.

123. W. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. The Nerva hemp bought in Scotland by Capt. Strachan and Mr. Lyell has been much damaged by lying on the open wharf there, not one of the 62 bundles being good; it is valued at 18s. per cwt.; picked out what could be seen of the damaged, and desires orders, as it will soon grow hot and be in danger to fire; the whole is very tender; had a merchant served it in, he would have been shown his contract before it had been half taken up. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

123. 1. *Proposal by a workman of the yard to work the ground tow and hemp brushings into netting and lashing cordage at 13s. per cwt., the King finding tar, and allowing 20lbs. weight on each cwt. for waste. The brushings are only worth 7s. a cwt. and the cordage will be worth more than 23s.*

Jan. 16.
Dieppe.

124. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Sends his bill of exchange for 288*l.* in favour of Charles Barre, merchant, for goods sent to Thos. White of Dover, according to order.

Jan. 16.

Licences for the Endeavour of Southampton and the St. George, laden with corn, to go to Portugal, on security to return before 20th March. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 115.*]

Jan. 16.

Warrant to the [Commissioners of Prizes] to deliver to Sir W. St. Ravy the ship Notre Dame, lately taken by the Constant Warwick and brought into Plymouth. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 326.*]

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Whitehall.

125. Passport for the Hope of Stettin, set out by Jos. Batailhe, the King's purveyor of wines, to bring from Bourdeaux 100 tuns of French wines for the King's household.

Jan. 16.

Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 327.*]

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126. Advices received, being memoranda of news as follow:—

Harwich, Jan. 15: Six ships named are ready to sail in a day or two.

Coventry, Jan. 14: One Newman, of Felloughby, poisoned four of his children with rat's bane, in mistake for flour of brimstone. John Temple, brother to Sir Richard, is in gaol, having or having had 17 wives. Dr. Winter, an eminent nonconformist, latterly come from Ireland, has died, leaving 20*l.* a year for ever to the town, to maintain two poor scholars.

Ipswich, Jan. 15: Capt. Dorrell's company sent to Landguard Fort was divided into three parts, and sent aboard the Success, Drake, and a galliot hoy.

Yarmouth, Jan. 14: Two Ostenders report that they left in their harbours 1,000 sail of Dutch, English, and other vessels, and that the French have taken some of their ships.

Portsmouth, Jan. 15: Arrival of ships. Capts. Morgan and Colley's companies of Col. Sidney's regiment have come in, and Capt. Killigrew's is expected.

Edinburgh, Jan. 10: The estates being convened, and the King's commission and letter being read, Duke Hamilton was declared president; they complied with His Majesty's desires to put the kingdom in a posture of defence, and to raise moneys for a standing militia, and appointed a commission for the work; a letter of six sheets of paper was directed to the King, highly abusing the Lord Commissioner, and charging him with drinking the blood of the saints.

Portsmouth, Jan. 15: Note of ships in harbour.

Aldborough, Jan. 16: Note of ships passing. Several considerable Papists of the country, as well as others, have broken up house and gone to live in London. [2 pages.]

Jan. 16.
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

127. Certificate by Dr. Ralph Cudworth, master of Christ's College, that Thos. Lovet, B.A., of the said college, has always been of unblameable conversation, conformable to the Church, is of eminent parts, and much improved in his studies.

Jan. 16.
New Forest.

128. Report by Sir Thos. Knollys and three other officers of the New Forest to Lord Treas. Southampton, that the extent of the woods and lands of Morley Thornes, petitioned for by Hen. Philpott, is 100 acres, which lie in Bolder parish, near his own lands, are worth about 4*s.* an acre, and the timber thereon worth about 500*l.*, part of the land bearing only heath.

Jan. 16.
Kendal.

129. Ellen Kilner to her brother [Jos. Williamson], Whitehall. Craves his prayers for her son, called Joseph after him, Alderman Potter being witness in his behalf; begs him to own his godchild, and hopes he may live to be his dutiful servant.

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Jan. 16. 130. Receipt by John Bradenham from Rob. Willie of 6s. as freight of a Parmesan cheese aboard the Royal Katherine.

Jan. 17. 131. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Capt. Lawrence Van Heemskirk Harwich. has sailed, and after sundry devices with our joiners, carpenters, and glaziers, took them all with him. Capt. Dorell, with 120 soldiers, went with him, with merry shouts and farewell. The embargo on the ships in harbour is very close, and not likely to be taken off for many days; there are two or three Amsterdammers, under convoy of the Speedwell, bound for the Texel.

Jan. 17. Reference to the Navy Comrs., on the petition of Mrs. Jefferies for payment of sundry stores delivered to them by her late husband, ordering them to state the account of goods so delivered, that order may be taken for the petitioner's satisfaction. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 239.*]

Jan. 17. Warrant for delivery of 13 tuns of French wine, and two pipes of Canary to the Conde de Molina, Spanish ambassdor, [custom free]. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 17. Declaration of the King's approval of the election of James Nicholson, to succeed the late John Pattinson as town clerk of Carlisle. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 329.*]

Jan. 17. 132. Draft of the above.

Jan. 17. 133. Thos. Clutterbuck to Sir Wm. Batten. Particulars of the Leghorn. disposal of provisions and of stores remaining on hand; desires leave to transport the meat to Tangiers, as it will be a sin to throw it away. Is creditor on account of victuals 2,050*l.*, and has disbursed about 2,000*l.* in warehousing and looking after them. Postscript, July 24: Has given his bill for 50 days on Mr. Gauden for 600*l.* to Chas. Longland; begs punctual discharge, that merchants may be encouraged to deliver him moneys when occasions require. Hopes soon to send him a taste of some wine, olives, and cheese, that he has lying by him. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Jan. 17. 134. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The vessel that carries the Victualling Office. water and casks to the Nore has been floored these two days, and can take no more casks till those are filled. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. 135. Bartholomew Peartree to the Navy Comrs. Is prevented Ratcliffe Cross. by illness from attending to explain the loss of the Breda, on August 12, 1666. Was asleep, having been up the night before, and ordered his mate to call him if a gale arose; he failed, but hearing a noise, ran on deck just before the vessel struck on a rock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. 136. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. The seamen having to pay money for the passing and payment of their tickets is so much complained of, in the House of Commons and all over the kingdom, that some effectual course should be taken to vindicate the Treasury and Navy Office. In order thereto, has drawn up a

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paper, approved} by his Royal Highness, the Lord General and others, which may conduce to the silencing of clamour, or reformation of abuse if there be any, and wishes them to put it up in their office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. 137. Lieut. Sa. Lawson to the Navy Comrs. Arrived last night
The Diamond, from Gravesend, and awaits further commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Deptford.

Jan. 17. 138. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships named.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
Victualling
Office,
Tower Hill.

Jan. 17. 139. Capt. Jeffry Pearce, of the Dover, to John [Thos.] Hayter.
John Forest, late surgeon of the Dover frigate, being discharged on preferment, and John Dicksone appointed by the Company of Surgeons in his stead, desires a bill to be procured for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. 140. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Has procured money to finish the paying at Chatham, and hopes on Saturday to send 12,000*l.* to Portsmouth for the Gottenburg fleet, which may be paid up to the 1st of August, if they approve. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. 141. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. The Hampshire
Roe Ketch, is much damaged by grounding; is assisting her. Some of his
Hull. men are injured, and must be put on shore at his own expense, there being no one there to take charge of them. Has no surgeon, and desires their order to procure one at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. 142. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Sends particulars of certain errors made in the indent of the purser of the Jersey, for victuals supplied to his ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. 143. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs.
Plymouth. Arrival of four ships named, with loss of their masts, &c. They brought in a French prize from Malaga. Three more left with the Forester, one from Rochelle, laden with wine and brandy, and the others from Malaga. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. 144. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of the Rupert,
Plymouth. Montague, and Gloucester, with three Frenchmen laden with wines and fruit from Malaga, and a Dutchman of 32 pieces of ordnance from Cadiz. The Victory prize has put back with the loss of her mainmast; endeavours to repair her, but is much discouraged for want of money, and cannot get a carpenter, unless he is pressed. Is so clamoured with the tradesmen that he does not know what to do, and cannot proceed unless they order the discharge of his disbursements. The Gloucester is found unserviceable, and the Montague much shaken by the late storms. Has used some of the masts sent; but is at a stand for want of sails. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. 145. Sir John Shaw to Williamson. Has perused the patent, and finds it lamely drawn, and no provision made for defalcation

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of yearly rent, in case of plague or other inevitable accidents. The Commissioners have now to petition the King for any defalcation; this should be prevented; sends a proviso to that effect. Begg dispatch of the business. Has written to the officer of customs at Dartmouth, to forward Williamson's interest there. [*1½ pages.*]

[Jan. 18.] 146. "An Act against importing cattle from Ireland and other parts beyond the seas, and fish taken by foreigners." [*Printed, 3 pages. Printed in Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., p. 597.*]

[Jan. 18.] 147. "An Act to continue a former Act for preventing of theft and rapine upon the northern borders of England." [*Printed, 2 pages. Printed, ibid., p. 598.*]

[Jan. 18.] 148. "An Act for burying in woollen only." [*Printed, 2 pages. Printed, ibid., p. 598.*]

[Jan. 18.] 149. "An Act for encouraging of coinage." [*Printed, 9 pages. Printed, ibid., pp. 598-600.*]

Jan. 18. 150. Speech of Sir Edw. Turner, speaker of the House of Commons, to the King, explaining the several bills presented to him to be passed. [*6 pages, printed; also printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII. p. 8.*]
London.

Jan. 18. 151. The King's speech to both Houses of Parliament. Urges a supply to enable him to meet his powerful enemies. Assures them that he is in no treaty. Intends to close the session on Monday next; complains of their mistrust of him in one bill which he had passed; has never broken his word with them, and the nation had never fewer grievances to complain of. [*1½ pages, printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 81.*]

Jan. 18. 152. Copy of the above, with order from Sir Edw. Turner that
The Savoy. Rob. Paulet and no other print this speech. [*Printed, 2 pages.*]

Jan. 18. 153. Petition of Jas. Wemys, general of artillery in Scotland, to the King, to name the sum which he is to be allowed in lieu of the office of master gunner of England, disposed of to another, and to ordain its quarterly payment from the office of ordnance.

Jan. 18. 154. Nath. Herne to Williamson. Hears from Dartmouth that
London. Williamson's success is much doubted, and some whom he relies on will fail him; but if Sir Wm. Courtney and Mr. Fowell stand firm, all will be well. Fears Mr. Newman is not firm, being related to Sir John Corriton [Colleton].

Jan. 18. 155. Ja. Hickes to [Williamson]. John Hubbock, postmaster of Durham, is very anxious for written intelligence weekly, and will pay 40s. a year for it. Asks his order to Mr. Francis therefore; has offered a constant correspondence to Mr. Lindsey, postmaster in Dartmouth, and begs favour for him, and an order for him to have the written intelligence and gazettes.

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Jan. 18. 156. Request by the Corporation of the New River for leave to continue their pipes where they now are, giving satisfaction to the owners of the soil, and to lay, remove, or amend pipes in any waste soil, common, public street or highway in cos. Hertford and Middlesex, and in London and Westminster, reciting the former grants to the company, constituting it, making the King half proprietor on his bearing half the charges, &c.; in 1619, King James granted his moiety in fee-farm to Sir Hugh Middleton, on certain conditions, covenanting for all pipes and channels to remain as they were, and giving authority to six of the Privy Council to apprehend offenders. [*1½ pages.*]

Jan. [18.] 157. Reasons why the Corporation of the New River differ from the proposals of Sir Rob. Vyner and the other owners of the Thames waterwork in Durham yard. They think they should not be excluded from St. Clement Danes and other parishes where their pipes have been laid 20 years, nor from Covent Garden, which they were just preparing to serve, having spent 8,000*l.* in preparation to supply the western parts of London, for which the small proportion allotted them in Bloomsbury, &c., will be no compensation; they plead their charter of incorporation, by which they have right to continue their pipes and serve all London and Westminster, but as an accommodation for the inhabitants, to have the choice between their water and the Thames water, Sir Rob. Vyner has leased land through which their pipes run, and cut off the pipes.

Jan. 18. Warrant of protection for Ralph Smith, of Lancashire, a forger of base coin, who has implored the King's pardon and offered to discover other delinquents, he having entered a bond of 500*l.* to appear at the next gaol delivery at Lancaster. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 330.*]

[Jan. 18.] 158. Draft of the above.

Jan. ? 159. Petition of Capt. John Hart, commander of the Rainbow, to the King, for a grant of the prize vessel, Peter of Rotterdam, now at Yarmouth. Served in a second-rate ship this Dutch war, without the advantage of flag officers in receiving ships of like rate.

Jan. 18. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to deliver the St. Peter of Rotterdam to Captain Hart. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 331.*]

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Jan. 19. Warrant to Gilbert Thomas to apprehend — Blood and eleven others. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 331.*]

Jan. 19. The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. Recommends Thos. Lovett, B.A., for the first vacant fellowship in their college. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 216.*]

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Jan. 19. Licences for the St. Michael and the Elizabeth, of London, laden with fish, and the Olive Branch of London, laden with corn, to go to Portugal, on security to return with the convoy of ships of war, now sent to Tangiers. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 116.*]

Jan. 19. 1. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Fears that the frigates which
Aldborough. have left have been driven into Ousely Bay. Complains of detention of letters by Priestwood, postmaster of Ipswich.

Jan. 19. 2. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. The churchwardens and con-
Kendal. stables, according to proclamation, have presented the names of all the Popish recusants in Cumberland and Westmoreland at the Quarter Sessions, where all above 16 years old were indicted, in order to their conviction; most of the magistrates are very hot against them. The late letter from Paris, communicated to the King by the Lord Mayor, and spread abroad by Presbyterian means, has inflamed the zeal of all against the Papists; hopes the rabble of Nonconformists will not escape; they have added to the flame by their declamations and other other acts of insinuation.

Jan. 19. 3. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sir Lawrence Van Heemskirk's
Harwich. fleet has been seen under sail. The wind is north, with a great deal of snow. The Orange has come in to be refitted.

Jan. 19. Proclamation of the prices of wines, as fixed by the Lord Chan-
Whitehall. cellor and others for the year beginning 1st February next. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 240.*]

Jan. 19. 4. Warrant for admission of a gunner and matross additional to
the garrison of Sandown Castle, Isle of Wight, from January 19, with estimate of additional cost, 42*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* a year.

Jan. 19. 5. Warrant to pay to George Tomlin, embellisher, flourisher, and
Whitehall. writer, 10*l.*, for a letter on vellum with arms, badges, pictures, &c., to the Vizier Azem, of 22nd December. [*Copy.*] *Annexing,*

5. 1. *Bill of George Tomlins, for writing the said letter for the King.* Dec. 22, 1666.

Jan. ? 6. Petition of Lewis Herault, minister of the French congregation of London, to the King, for a letter to the bishop elect of St. Asaph to grant him the first valuable donation in his gift. Has failed in obtaining the preferment desired for him by His Majesty, for want of applying in due time, being unacquainted with such things; is old, and is likely to leave a large family unprovided for in a strange country.

Jan. 19. 7. [Lord Arlington to the Bishop elect of St. Asaph?] Recom-
Whitehall. mends, in the King's name, M. Herault, minister of the French church, who for his loyalty deserves some mark of royal bounty. [*Unfinished draft.*]

Jan. 19. Reference to the Lord Treasurer of a petition of Lord Colepeper for a lease of the post fines, &c. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 240.*]

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Jan. 19. 8. [Fra.] Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Desires their acceptance of
Bristol. a bill of exchange drawn by him in favour of Rich. Mountney for
1,400*l.*, having received the like amount from Isaac Morgan. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 19. 9. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Sam. Martin, purser of the
Victualling Office. East India Merchant, has cleared his victualling account between
5 July and 6 Nov., 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 19. 10. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of 10 ships named.
Portsmouth. Has given the purser of the York directions as to her damaged pro-
visions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 19. 11. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of six ships
Ipswich. named. No oxen nor hogs killed this week by order of Comr.
Taylor. Has written to Mr. Ewers for large paper, and will send
the account required. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 19. 12. William Blackett, mayor, and four Aldermen of Newcastle to
Newcastle. the Navy Comrs. No contract was made with John Bower, owner
of the hoy sent to Gottenburg with an express to the fleet, as to
the hire of the vessel, the owner referring it to Sir Wm. Coventry.
Send particulars of the time of her departure and return, the men
and provisions on board, and the amount of wages due; beg payment
of 342*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* due on bills for work done to several of the King's
frigates in the port, for want of which Henry Maddison, the late
mayor, and the workmen employed, are very much prejudiced.
[*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*
12. 1. *Certificate by Henry Maddison, mayor, that by virtue of
an express from Sir Wm. Coventry, he impressed a galliot
hoy belonging to John Bower of Bridlington, to go to
Gottenburg with an express, and that the owner referred
to Sir Wm. Coventry as to the amount to be paid for the
hire of the vessel. [Copy.] Sept. 23, 1666.*
- Jan. 19. 13. Capt. Nat. Batt to Thos. Hayter. Asks 12 tickets for pay-
The Success. ment of his men's wages, and 140 to protect them from being pressed.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 20. 14. Rear-Admiral John Kempthorne to the Navy Comrs. Has
The Defiance, Nore. received an order for the release of Robt. Watson, carpenter, taken
out of the Providence of Newcastle. Thought that protections
were void when merchant ships were in the Thames. The master
of that ship came on board his ship and cleared two men to his con-
tent. It is a riddle to him that the ship should be able to endure a
storm at sea, and spring a leak in still water in the river. Hopes
they will not credit idle fellows who neglect their duty and make
vain pretensions; has discharged the carpenter; has only four on
board. Is in want of 150 men for the seven ships, and does not
know where to get any, and it is small encouragement to him that

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desires to do his duty to be threatened with heavy burthens. Desires provisions for the sick and wounded, and further supplies on their arrival in the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. 15. Capt. Thos. Legatt, of the *Fountain*, to the Navy Comrs. Portsmouth. Asks an order to the [Barber Surgeons'] Hall to supply the frigate with a surgeon, as she is about to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. 16. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Great complaints are made by the carters and the country for want of money for carriage of timber; the rope and sail makers tell him if he cannot help them they must shut up their shops. Has borrowed money and discharged other debts belonging to the hoy, but his credit will not go so far as to clear her. The hoy is frozen up, and the men ride over the Trent on horseback, but there are 12 feet of water at Stockwith. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Pass for 15 horses for the Earl of St. Alban's. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 331.*]

Jan. 20? 17. Petition of Charles Gifford to the King, for some course to prevent his utter ruin; will be cast into prison on Friday next, the first day of the term, without his favour; has only hitherto been preserved by the civility of the bailiffs of Westminster. [*See Jan. 10, 1667.*]

Jan. 21. 18. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has nothing fresh to record. Pembroke.

Jan. 21. 19. Philosophical transactions, No. 21, being proceedings of the Royal Society for Jan. 21, 1667. [*Printed, 16 pages.*]

Jan. 21. Order on report of Sir Walter Walker, upon the petition of Whitehall. Wm. Leaver, that the Judge of the Admiralty proceed against Thomas Delavale for the whole money mentioned in the said report as due to His Majesty. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 116.*]

Jan. 21. 20. John Gryce to Lord Arlington. Hears that Capt. Blood is gone for Lancashire, and resides about Warrington or Manchester, by the name of Allen or Groves; description of his person and dress; he will remain there till the end of February, when things will be more ready. Mr. Beech is suspected to be saved to be made an intelligencer of. The writer begs discharge if not thought deserving his livelihood, and a letter to the Duke of Ormond to go [to Ireland], where he could discover any design on foot. Can send news without suspicion, by Col. Fitzjames, his landlord.

Jan. 22. 21. James Pugh to Sir John Mennes. Arrival of Rich. Maddocks Portsmouth. with the money to pay the *Gottenburg* fleet. Has no order to proceed until Messrs. Waith and Burroughs come, and cannot safely do so, the pursers not having brought in their books, and the muster books being wanted. The *Constant Warwick* begins wages only in June 1666, so she will have no pay within the time due. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Hull.

22. Capt. Wm. Coleman to the Navy Comrs. His ship has a leak which must be stopped before she can sail for Harwich, and it cannot be done without hauling her ashore. Will use his utmost endeavours, and Sir Jeremy Smith has been down to hasten her departure and that of the mast ships, which will sail with the first wind. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22.
Plymouth.

23. Theo. Scott, master of the *Golden Sun*, to the Navy Comrs. Impressed men at Dover to complete the number required, and sailed with a convoy to Portsmouth, where Comr. Middleton loaded her with provisions for the stores at Plymouth. Has delivered them there, paid off his company at 40s. a month, and impressed a new one, and has long waited further orders; if they have none, desires to sail to London and be cleared, according to agreement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22.
Plymouth.

24. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Repeats his former letter as to the arrival of ships and prizes, and the works required to be executed; has met with such trouble in dispatching them, for want of money, that all is at a stand. Could neither persuade nor press the carpenters till he promised that he would see to the payment when the work was done. Will have to borrow the money, and cannot subsist without a supply. The Forester put in at Falmouth with two Dutch prizes of Amsterdam, laden with wine, fruit, and brandy. Conceives if the Plymouth station were duly plied, the charge of His Majesty's ships would rise well enough. Desires an order for his supply out of the proceeds of the six prizes lately brought in [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22.
Strand, near
Somerset House.

25. Will. Lister to Sam. Pepys. His brother [T. Lister, of Bawtry], has conveyed from Bawtry to Stockwith 1,200 tons of timber for His Majesty's use, receiving only 28s. a load, although 40s. is the usual charge. He wishes the other 12s. and allowance for incidental expenses paid for land carriage, for fitting his wharf for timber and building a boat. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

25. I. *Sir Philip Warwick to Sam. Pepys. Sends a letter and enclosure from T. Lister, of Bawtry. The writer and Lister married two sisters, but his nighness to him is from the value of his friendship and integrity; no man is better affected towards the Crown, but in a common service, to run to a constant damage is not to be expected. Begs credence for him as for himself.* May 5, 1665.

25. II. *T. Lister to Sam. Pepys. Was neither hasty in making complaint nor unreasonable in his demands, his design being to serve, not to exact upon, His Majesty. Mr. Russell wished him to undertake to send the timber by land as well as by water. Has met worse encouragement in this than in the other employment. Only undertook for a few loads charged, upon the town where he lived, and some others in the country, and carried about 40 loads; has not received pay for any, whereas all other persons have been punctually settled with. Must desist without a speedy supply; hopes Mr. Russell will have directions for the future.* Bawtry, July 17, 1665.

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25. III. *Report by Thos. Wharton and three other [Justices of Peace] to the Navy Comrs. Have viewed the wharf at Bawtry, and examined the books and the usual rates paid for freight, and other charges, and find that this wharf is the great quay of the country, that many goods are daily brought there and sent away again, and that Mr. Lister pays a great fee-farm rent to the Crown for it. The quantity and confused state of the timber upon it for more than two years is much to his hindrance, and has forced him to build a new staith and boat. He has been very modest in his representations, and will carry cheaper than others. Propose means for clearing the wharf, regular payments to Mr. Lister, and reimbursement of the money paid out of his own private purse; also protection from pressing for the watermen engaged in the business. [2 pages.]*

25. IV. *Minute that after receiving Mr. Lister's demand to be satisfied for the use of his wharf at Bawtry, the Board referred the whole matter, by letter of May 27, 1665, to four justices of the peace, promising to acquiesce in their report, which was received July 1665, and reports Mr. Lister's ability to serve the King beyond any other gentleman in the country, and their opinion of the moderation of his demand.*

Jan. 22. 26. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Wants men and boats
The Friezland, to take his ballast ashore, and bring the stores aboard. The men
Rye. will not do anything unless their honours direct the agent to pay them. Fears the masts are too large for the vessel. Cannot get to the St. Andrew without danger. Has 140 dozen oars and 194 dozen hand spikes on board, which take up much room. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22. 27. Capt. Ben. Carteret of the Pearl to the Navy Comrs. Has
Hull. hauled his ship into harbour for fear of the ice, which comes down so violently that it will sink a ship in a few hours. The people there are very backward in refitting. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22. 28. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Will take 40s. per cwt.
Dieppe. for his cable yarn instead of 45s., in consideration of the good of the nation, the Commissioners having offered 36s. Is in debt to Mr. Barr of Dieppe 200*l.* which he has to pay to Mrs. Houblons. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 22. 29. Col. J. Long to Williamson. May trouble him too often,
Draycot. but the burnt child dreads the fire. When the rebels were up in Scotland, there were many clandestine rendezvous [in Wiltshire], which were cunningly fathered on the Papists. Charles Aland of Longly Burrell, near Chippenham, then a prisoner for debt at Marlborough, a great fanatic, and a former cornet in Lambert's army, having the liberty of the town, bade his son advertise his friends to keep in readiness, and not to believe the Gazette as to the number of men in arms in Scotland, adding that he had received a commission

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to plunder, and that his son must come to him to know the day and place of rising. This letter was opened and taken to Mr. Sam. Ash, a barrister, who sent it to Sir Edw. Baynton, the next justice of peace, but Sir Edward suppressed the letter; has exhorted him to send it up, and begs that the business may be looked into. The man is a bold and dangerous fellow; during the late treason in the North, he came into Sutton Benger, which abounds in fanatics, and bade everybody arm and be ready, for the North and West were ready; when cautioned to beware, he said the business was so surely laid that it could not miscarry, and the Government would be altered in spite of any opposition. Thinks if the rack were shown him, he would declare all the chief traitors in the West. He is a great friend of Ludlow's, and was an officer under him. He can be had, because he is in a dungeon at Marlborough. Having attempted to escape when the letter was opened, and being retaken, the proof is clear against him. Former times had not been so august as they are thought, had such advertisements been neglected by Sec. Walsingham or Lord Salisbury. Asks if the business is to be enquired into. [3 pages.]

Jan. 22. Warrant to Lord Mordaunt to discharge — Rosin, prisoner in Windsor Castle, on security to return to his own country within two months. Minute. [*Ent Book 23, p. 331.*]

Jan. 22. Discharge for Robert Sax and John Neale, prisoners in the custody of — Dixon. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 331.*]

Jan. 22. 30. Deposition of Arthur Brooker, postmaster of Rochester, that on Jan. 16, the Flanders mail came in between 11 and 12 p.m.; that he sent a post-horse with it to Gravesend, to Mr. White postmaster, and thinks it should have reached Dartford by 4 a.m.

Jan. 22. 31. M. Smyth to Williamson. The Archbishop of Canterbury Lambeth House. wishes no letter to pass for presentation to the rectory of East church, Isle of Sheppey, unless his Grace be first consulted in it.

Jan. 22. 32. Certificate taken on oath before the Earl of Derby by Henry Liverpool. Houghton and seven others, that Liverpool Castle might be made defensible and very strong, with small trouble and charge, for there are only four breaches described between the towers, which are in good repair. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 22. 33. Lord Treas. Southampton to Lord Arlington. The Ord-
Southampton House. nance Comrs. have enquired whether the Lieutenant of Ordnance is to receive a poundage of 6*d.* in the pound for saltpetre and other materials for gunpowder; this was formerly paid by the Exchequer, not by the Ordnance, which is freed by contract from such payments. The King declared that gunpowder materials should not be subject to poundage, yet because of the pains and hazard of the Lieutenant of Ordnance, agrees to allow him 10*s.* in 100*l.* for such payments, and 1,000*l.* in lieu of poundage in time past. A warrant is to be prepared to pay 500*l.* at once, and 500*l.* on Lady-day next, from the payments for the Ordnance.

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- Jan. 23. 34. Col. Willm. Legg to Lord [Arlington]. Presents a full account of his concerns as Treasurer of Ordnance; holds the office as being Lieut. of Ordnance, with a fee of 6*d.* in the pound from the subject, as formerly granted, but the present Commissioners have drawn into a precedent a special exemption granted to Cordwell, a powder maker, to exempt the present saltpetre men. Confutes the reasons assigned for this exemption; the profits from poundage are not nearly as great as reported, the average yearly profit being 2,033*l.* 15*s.* 5½*d.*; has to entertain four clerks in addition to the two granted him by the Commissioners. Lays himself at His Majesty's feet, hoping for compensation if he has to part with these profits. [5 pages.]
- Jan. 23. 35. Pass for two horses to be transported beyond seas, without let or molestation.
Whitehall.
- Jan. 23. Grant to Anne relict of Capt. John Golding, slain in the King's service, of a pension of 120*l.* [*Docquet.*]
- Jan. 23. 36. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The St. Francis of Bilboa, laden with Canary wine, had some of her wine taken from her by a French caper, and through ill weather was forced to cast some overboard. A Virginia ship has come in.
Falmouth.
- Jan. 23. 37. Advices from news letters, as follows:
Bristol, Jan. 21: Four or five Irish vessels are come in and one from New England, which formerly ran aground at Swansea.
Lynn, Jan. 21: Two Ostenders have arrived to load homewards.
Edinburgh, Jan. 17: The convention of estates are considering of a poll bill, as the most equal way of raising money. The Lord Lyon, the Earl of Kelly's brother, is much hurt by Rich. Ward, who is thereon secured.
Yarmouth, Jan. 21: A Scotch privateer has sailed northwards, and three herring vessels and one with merchants' goods for Lynn.
Portsmouth, Jan. 22: The Revenge, with her convoy for Tangiers, has called for the Warwick, which lay ready.
Aldborough, Jan. 21: The Success, Dragon, and a ketch are at anchor together near the haven. A supposed pickeroon is standing northwards.
- Jan. 23. 38. Earl of St. Alban's to Lord Arlington. Has watched five or six days to find the King and his lordship together, to remind His Majesty that he had granted to Sir Edw. Wingfield the making of Chris. Pack a baronet, and to get orders for the despatch of it, for which Sir Edward will wait on his lordship. Requests him to speak to the King about it. [2 pages.]
London.
- Jan. 23. 39. M. Coureur to Lord [Arlington]. Come over only to manage the affairs of his brother-in-law, which obliged him to secrecy. Excuses himself for the falsehood of saying that he came from St. Omer, having done so through fear. Begs liberty, that he may not be eaten up by expenses. [*French*, 2 pages.]
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- [Jan. 23.] 40. Order for a warrant, in form subjoined, to pay to Lord Arlington 5,000*l.* without account, out of the poll money raised for the present war, for private intelligences, &c., relating to the war with the Dutch. Also,
The King to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Provision being made by the Poll Act for payments directed by His Majesty, out of the first moneys to be paid therefrom is to be 5,000*l.* to Lord Arlington, for secret services. [*Copies 2 pages.*]
- Jan. 23. Entry of the preceding order. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 334.*]
- Jan. 23. Entry of the preceding letter. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 216.*]
- Jan. 23. Warrant to Arthur Sprye, justice of peace for Devonshire, and to the Officers of Customs at Falmouth to seize as forfeit to the Crown the lading of two Swedish vessels brought into the port of Falmouth, laden with French salt and wines, and to lay up the same in the Custom House, searching for any portion thereof that may have been sold or embezzled. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 332.*]
- Jan. 23. Warrant to Robert Lord Bulkeley, Lord Lieutenant [of Anglesey], to appoint a proper guard to convey [Pierre] Fourdin and [Simon] Choisin, subjects of France, from that island to Chester, to be thence conveyed by warrant to the deputy governor. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 333.*]
- Jan. 23. Warrant to the Deputy Governor of Chester to receive Fourdin and Choisin and to convey them to Whitchurch, co. Salop, to be sent from thence under guard to the Tower. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 333.*]
- Jan. 23. Warrant to the officer commanding the convoy of the waggons going to Whitchurch to convey Fourdin and Choisin to the Tower, there to remain close prisoners. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 334.*]
- Jan. 23. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive Fourdin and Choisin into his custody. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 334.*]
- Jan. 23. 41. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. The arrival of the money has made the seamen very thankful and they keep a good decorum, which he hopes will continue; the bringing of the York and Eagle men to trial may make a very good example. His ketch requires sails, &c., if she is to be retained for the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 23. 42. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. The Poll Bill being Weymouth. passed, whereby a fund is given for money, begs an early assignment for 7,000*l.* due for goods delivered into the stores 18 months since. Shall present the bills herself with a new addition. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 24. 43. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. Desires Dover. directions as to stating accounts. Finds some difference between what is and what ought to be in the stores, and will furnish particulars. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Jan. 24. 44. Rich. Elkin to the Navy Comrs. Sends account of the
Gravesend. arrival of ships under petty warrant. The Diamond has gone up
the river, but the Victory is still in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 24. 45. Examinations on oath of Capt. Page, commander, Barth.
Peartree, master, Nich. Churchwood, chief mate, and two other
officers named, as to the loss of their ship the Breda, by striking on
the shoals off the Texel. [*Adm. Paper, 5 pages.*]
- Jan. 24. 46. J. Pearse, surgeon-general, to Mr. Hayter. Desires bills sent
to the Hall for the surgeons of twelve ships named, who desire
discharges, or have been long without allowance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 24. 47. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges their
Victualling Office. orders for victualling 35,000 men for one year ensuing, and for the
distribution of the victuals in the respective ports. Has used his
best endeavours, but unless a speedy and ample supply of money be
paid, as ordered by the contract, cannot comply with the directions.
Hopes they will so effectually represent the matter that neither he
nor the service may suffer. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Jan. 24. 48. Petition of Capt. John Grady to Lord Arlington, for some-
thing considerable in lieu of a small pension assigned to be paid him
by Sir Stephen Fox; served the late King during the war; fol-
lowed his present Majesty abroad; fought in the French army in
Italy, but in obedience to his Majesty's commands, brought his
company of 50 foot, at his own charge, to him at Bruges in
Flanders, and served in the Earl of Bristol's regiment, then in
Col. Farrell's regiment at Mardike, and on his dismissal, has trailed a
pike in the Life Guards. Lands of 60*l.* a year, settled on his wife
by Cromwell on sequestration of his estates, are lost by restoration
of Col. O'Bryan's estate.
- Jan. 24. 49. Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London to the
King, for leave to prefer a Bill in Parliament to lay an imposition
on all coals brought into the port of London, in order to raise a fund
for rebuilding the Guildhall, gates, prisons, conduits, &c., burnt in
the late conflagration, the city having no stock to meet so vast an
expense, nor capacity to raise it.
- Jan. 24. 50. Jo. Man to Williamson. Those parts are in health and peace.
Swansea.
- Jan. 24. 51. Sir P. Warwick to Williamson. The Lord Treasurer willingly
granted leave to Mr. Hall to make that suit to the King which he
is now making by Lord Arlington.
- Jan. 25. 52. Note by Barth. Fillingham to Sir Thos. Clifford, that Peter
Gyot and Lewis Allart, of the Victory, are prisoners at Exeter,
with no order for release.
- Jan. 25. 53. John Clarke to Williamson. A Virginia ship reports that
Plymouth. three great ships, believed to be of New England, are standing in
for Falmouth. The Barbadoes fleet is expected home.
- Jan. 25. 54. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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Jan. 25. 55. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Mr. Mudd of Dartmouth Plymouth Fort. writes that on Tuesday last, Sir Walter Young was chosen burgess, by many votes carried by the fanatic party. Is sorry not to have better served Williamson, but hopes to do so should another occasion present.

Jan. 25. 56. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Gottenburg and Hull. Hull ships are still detained by contrary winds; the Hampshire has come in for repairs, and the Pearl is to follow. Has no answer from Lord Arlington; fears to be forgotten between Williamson and Col. Gilby, about the rent due to him from the Prize Comrs.

Jan. 25? 57. John Maurice to Williamson. The easterly winds kept the Minehead. ships in Ireland above a month; they have been laden with cattle and sheep, but a storm has put them into Milford or Tenby. Fears the storm has taken 20 or 30 barks laden with live goods from Ireland for Minehead.

Jan. 25. 58. Morgan Lodge to [Williamson]. Delivered his letters and Deal. directions to the respective postmasters, and hopes they will be more exact in their duties in future. Mr. Brooker's business will be a seasonable warning to the rest. Can get no account of ships in the Downs, the storm being extremely violent. The Earl of St. Alban's came to Dover 11 a.m. The yacht Henrietta has arrived, and rides at anchor off Walmer Castle.

Jan. 25. 59. Rich Forster to Williamson. The great wind has put back Newcastle. to sea 10 light ships that were at the bar; the river is clear, and if the wind be calmed, the ships will soon be laden.

Jan. 25. Licences for the Dolphin and the Mermaid of London to sail to any port of Portugal or Spain on this side the Straits, on security to return with the ships of war now sent to Tangiers. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 116.*]

Jan. 25. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes for a grant to Prince Rupert of prize goods embezzled before Michelmas last and not yet discovered, and for the necessary orders to put him in possession thereof. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 117.*]

Jan. 25. 60. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of Victualling the remains of victuals on the last year's declaration, value Office. 180,413*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, that they may be acquainted with the deliveries and what is ready to be delivered. Has not only borrowed what he could on the assignments received from the Exchequer, giving extraordinary consideration for it, but has exhausted all his credit; without an effectual and speedy supply, will be utterly ruined, and thereby disabled to perform their commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 25. 61. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Wm. Pyper, purser of the Victualling Loyal Subject, has cleared his account for victualling between Office. 29 April and 15 Sept. 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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62. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The ships are still in port on account of bad weather; the Mermaid has put in for repairs; her boatswain complains of want of sails, but will get hers repaired, as it would be too much prejudice to use any belonging to fourth-rates for her. Hopes they will all sail next week, with Rear-Admiral Utber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26.

Dover.

63. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. A fleet arrived in the Downs requires many things, especially the Centurion, whose furnaces are not fitted. Ironwork is wanted, but the smith is dead, and his brother, who has taken the shop, having neither iron, coals, nor credit, cannot do the work. Is out of money; unless the port be paid quarterly, small credit can be obtained. If men were certain when they would be paid, they would be willing to do the work. Has hitherto paid most of them, and promised the rest, and the time having expired, they claim payment. The bill of imprest for 200*l.* being so long unpaid has cracked his credit by having trusted on it; must go to prison or keep in the house, if there be not a speedy supply; 800*l.* is due to the port; can pay no more himself. Three or four tons of Swedish iron are there, ready to be shipped for London. Desires an order to remove it into the stores, and to give a certificate to the owner for the money for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26.

Portsmouth.

64. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships named; 31 hogs were slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26.

Bristol.

65. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has agreed with the sailmaker. The bill of exchange for 100*l.* towards the sails for the St. David was at three days' sight. Need not reiterate what has been formerly said as to the want of money; is greatly troubled, and cannot vindicate the service, nor the service secure him, while forced not only to give his word and divers bills for money, but also his bond, with his friends' engagements. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26.

Victualling
Office.

66. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Complains of pursers not bringing in their books and vouchers to pass their accounts; some have not accounted for three years, and few since the beginning of the war, so that no satisfaction can be received for expense of provisions delivered, and extra moneys paid them by order; nor for casks, iron hoops, &c., the returns of which are much smaller than the issues. Prays that their books may be examined, and allowance given according to the rates expressed in his contract, and that their bonds may be put in force in the Exchequer, for any future negligence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26.

Ipswich.

67. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships, &c.; there has been killing of oxen and hogs and baking of biscuit this week, but no brewing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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68. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Gauden has had the victuals removed into ships which can take them to the fleet. The victualler has no warrants for the Richmond, nor for the Fountain, designed for Guinea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 26. Licence for the Elizabeth of Hamble, near Southampton, to go to Spain or Portugal, on security to return with the ships of war now sent to Tangiers. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 116.*]

Jan. 26. Pass for Jeronimo Friz Miranda and his servant into Flanders. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 336.*]

Jan. 26. 69. Petition of Charles Earl of Norwich to the King. A pension was granted to his late father of 2,000*l.* a year for seven years to pay his debts, but Rob. Leigh obtained a warrant for the first payment of 3,600*l.* out of the arrears thereof, to satisfy the same sum paid to the late earl by the supernumeraries of the guard. Is willing for this sum to be first paid, but begs that the rest of the pension may go to the payment of the debts according to law, other creditors having obtained warrants for other sums amounting to 4,580*l.*, for which he has entered a caveat at the privy seal. With reference thereon to the Lord Privy Seal.

Jan. 26. 70. J. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. A Bristol vessel has arrived from Barbadoes in six weeks, being an excellent sailer; 22 others set out with her, chiefly Londoners, but a storm at sea parted them. The French, with 18 vessels and 1,500 men, arriving with English colours, landed at Antigua without opposition and surprised the fort and governor; the islanders beat them back, but they have not quitted the island. Barbadoes is in excellent condition, 3,000 foot and 1,600 horse ready in arms, and 20,000 more on occasion. Five ships escaped the hurricane in which Lord Willoughby miscarried. A Bideford vessel from Portugal, being pursued by a French man-of-war, made for another sail, which proved a Turkish man-of-war from Algiers, and begged help; the Turk shot at the French vessel, which left them, and the captain refused any reward beyond some casks of wine and a barrel of fruit, though offered half the lading of the ship he had saved. [*2 pages.*]

Jan. 26. 71. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Capt. Ball and the other Aldborough. frigate have had a fair wind for any design on Holland. It is reported from Holland that we have some design against them. This will be prejudicial to the nation, though a vast profit to some private persons. If Capt. Ball make any attack in Holland, something may be expected at Aldborough, which lies open, with no force to oppose, and no watch kept in the night. Wishes persons in charge of those parts would be mindful of their duties.

Jan. 26. 72. John Lysle to Williamson. Three small Flemish vessels, laden West Cowes. with wine and brandy from Bourdeaux, were seized at sea by one of the King's ships, and sent to Southampton, whither the Prize Office is now removed. Went thither to examine the masters and company, but John Winder, deputy comptroller, an insolent person, abused him.

Jan. 26. 73. John Pocock to James Hikes. A Dutch wine prize, taken by Weymouth. the Governor of Jersey's frigate and beaten about at sea in the storm,

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has put in there. On the 25th, the freeholders met at the Town hall, to elect a burgess in place of Sir John Strangways, deceased. The candidates were Sir John Coventry and Squire Harvey; the latter party was elected, though the other party will not so yield it. Thinks it not convenient to send particulars of the election.

Jan. 26.
Bridgewater.

74. Wm. Symons to James Hicke. That channel was lately in great danger from French pickeroons, but two of the King's frigates come into Milford have scared them. It was feared they would have done mischief at Bristol fair. Thinks the Irish bill will make lands in Bridgewater, which depended on that trade, fall much.

Jan. 26.
Newcastle.

75. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Five of the ships at the bar got safe in; one was cast on the rocks under the castle. Many thousand chaldrons of coals have been taken from the coal quays for lading of ships. The frost in the river has been very great.

Jan. 26.
Boston.

76. Robt. Gray to James Hicke. Has no news this post.

Jan. 26.
Harwich.

77. Silas Taylor to Williamson. After a tempestuous night, it is a summer's day. Several light colliers have passed northward. The Hampshire has had a disaster at Bridlington, but is ready to sail to some dockyard for repairs.

Jan. 26.
Rye.

78. ——— to Williamson. A French vessel has run ashore at Rye, the salt on board is spoiled and the brandy cask staved. Capt. Holmes has taken 60 tuns of wines out of his prize, which ran aground coming into the harbour, but the vessel cannot be got off.

Jan. 26.
Washborne.

79. Jo. Fowell to Williamson. Hoped to have served him about the Dartmouth election; thought many of the corporation fickle and unworthy, but never believed them so false as many have proved at this election; some voted for Williamson, yet underhand made friends for others. Finding Sir Walter Young's party so strong, tried to persuade Sir John Colleton's friends to join Williamson's, but failed. Begs him to impute his failure to want of power, not of will. [2 pages.]

Jan. 27.
Dartmouth.

80. Willm. Hurt to Williamson. Sends a letter to be forwarded to a friend who wrote to him about the Dartmouth election, not knowing the friend's address; if Williamson read the letter, he will find what precious youths they are.

Jan. 27.
Plymouth Fort.

81. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Ostrich of London has come in from Barbadoes; she left with 20 merchantmen of London, Bristol, Topsham, and Plymouth, from which she was parted in a storm. She reports Antigua and Montserrat taken by the French; 20 Flemish ships which have lain a long while are going out. The Forester has come in from Falmouth with her two prizes.

Jan. 27.
Plymouth.

82. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A ship from Virginia reports the colony full of tobacco and very prosperous. Reports of Antigua

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and Montserrat being taken by the French ; it is feared that Mevis will follow.

Jan. 27. 83. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The frigates cruising keep
Portsmouth. the coast clear, and the town is in good health.

Jan. 28. 84. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of three ships
Bristol. from Barbadoes and Portugal, which are expected to furnish the Custom House with money. Hopes they will not let this opportunity slip of supplying him, being constrained to enter into a bond with the merchant who supplied the timber for the third-rate ship now in hand. Has ordered blocks from the same person and at the same rate as for the St. Patrick. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

84. I. *Bond of Dan. Furzer, of Lydney, in 300l., to pay to George Reynolds, Brosly, co. Salop, 150l. on 10th March next.*

Jan. 28. 85. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Supplied the carpenter
Dover. and boatswain of the Centurion, on order of Rear-Admiral Kempthorne. She was forced out of the river by the ice, and lost her pinnace coming down ; she wanted two cwt. of tallow, but there was none. Prays payment of the imprest bill and arrears. Mr. Dawkes will wait on them about the money owing to the port ; he will continue to deliver such things as he has, if the accounts are cleared quarterly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 28. 86. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Thought that the grant of the
Deal. Commissioners of Prizes of 40s. for every ship above 80 tons which he has sent up was to be from the beginning of his employment, but Capt. Kingdom, a London commissioner, says it is only to be a future benefit ; begs their lordships' opinion thereon. Has only received 27*l.* for 27 prizes, though 14 or 15 are above 80 tons.

Jan. 28. 87. Resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, that they are satisfied that the goods claimed by merchants trading to France in the several ships in a list annexed are the goods of English subjects, the product of English commodities, and not purchased with money ; that they were laden in October or November ; that the persons concerned are fit objects of favour, and that John Wadlow and Edw. Warner, being in the same case, should be included in the address to be made to the King. [*Printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p. 23.*]

Jan. 28. 88. Names of the Commissioners of the House of Lords appointed to wait on the King with some of the members of the House of Commons, to represent the votes of both houses concerning the goods of merchants trading to France, laden before December last.

Jan. 28. 89. List of the merchants who have petitioned for relief, of the goods concerned, and of the names of the ships. [*5 sheets.*]

Jan. 28. Privy seal for landing 16 tons of Spanish wines, for the use of the Spanish ambassador's family. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 335.*]

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- Jan. 28. Privy seal for 20,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox for defence of Jersey, Guernsey, Scilly, and the Isle of Wight, during the war with the Dutch ; also for 10,000*l.* towards payment of the Scotch regiment under George Lord Douglas. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 335.*]
- Jan. 28. Pension for Jo. Troutbeck of 200*l.* a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 336.*]
- Jan. 28. Order for 6 tuns of wine to be landed for the use of the Duke of Richmond. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 336.*]
- Jan. 28. 90. J. Heinsius to John Carlisle. Doubts not that he is acquainted with Lord Arlington's order to forbear his demand of passage money for the poor prisoners, and to suffer them to pass without molestation.
London.
- Jan. 28. 91. John Smith to Williamson. The high winds have done no hurt, and have prevented pickeroons being sent.
Margate.
- Jan. 28. 92. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Lord St. Alban's has sailed for Calais in the Henrietta yacht, convoyed by a frigate. He took with him three Frenchmen, the remainder of the crew of a fly boat forced ashore near Dungeness, and will present them to the Governor of Calais. The French packet brings the news of the Queen-Mother's death ; hopes it is not true. Capt. Holmes, of the Lenox, has forced a French ship ashore at Rye.
Dover.
- Jan. 28. 93. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notice of vessels seen. There are no pickeroons on the coast.
Aldborough.
- Jan. 28. 94. John Lysle to Williamson. A vessel laden with wines and fruit has reached Southampton from Malaga, and met no enemy. The John and Mary, from Barbadoes, has arrived at West Cowes. She left the Indies with 20 sail, but they are separated by storms, and the rest thought to be gone to Kinsale. There is no news yet of Lord Willoughby's safety, and great fears lest the Dutch and French invade those parts. Montserrat and Mevis are likely to be starved for want of provisions. Antigua and the five islands are partly taken, and the governor is prisoner to the French ; there is good store of sugar and cotton at Barbadoes, waiting shipping. Begs protection against the insolent person named in his last, who has made a shopkeeper's apprentice in Southampton into a notary. [*2½ pages.*]
West Cowes.
- Jan. 28. 95. John Pocock to Williamson. The Adventure has brought three of the Barbadoes' fleet into Portland Road ; they left Barbadoes seven weeks ago, 22 sail, but were scattered by a storm in the Soundings. The Leeward Islands were in great danger from the French, who have taken part of Antigua, and will probably take the whole island. Lord Willoughby is certainly lost.
Weymouth.
- Jan. 28. 96. H. B[ower] to Williamson. Departure of vessels ; 80 sail of Great Yarmouth-light colliers have gone northward.

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- Jan. 28. 97. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has not received a reply to Weymouth. his last.
- Jan. 28. 98. "Advices," being notes from letters all calendared above.
- Jan. 28. 99. Ja. Hickes to Williamson. The York letters have come to hand, but the waters are so great that the letters from York northwards are not come in.
- Jan. 29. 100. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday 14 or 15 ships were Harwich. seen in Ouseley Bay, but the mist prevented any one seeing which way they sailed. The embargo was taken off last post, and the ships with the Dutch prisoners tried to sail, but could not for the fog; the St. Patrick and other vessels were similarly prevented.
- Jan. 29. 101. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All is quiet, by means of Portsmouth. the frigates plying up and down the coast. The Revenge and Warwick, bound for Tangiers with convoy, are detained by contrary winds. The Fountain, which goes convoy for Guinea, is filling.
- Jan. 29. 102. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Dutch ship laden with Pembroke. iron and wool from Bilboa lies there still, but not a ketch has been near for six weeks. Sent for Capt. Mansell's privateer, but she lacks her sails.
- Jan. 29. 103. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Jan. 29. 104. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Capt. John Holmes, of the Deal. Bristow, brought in a Dieppe vessel laden with bay salt. There are 60 sail of merchantmen in the Downs.
- Jan. 29. 105. Request by Lord Arlington for a caveat to be entered at the Whitehall. Signet Office, that no grant pass of the estates of Alex. Jepson, Rich. Tompson and Edm. Warren, lately attainted and executed for high treason in Ireland, without notice to him.
- Jan. 29. The King to the Master and Fellows of Sidney Sussex College, Whitehall. Cambridge. Requests them to admit Edward Alston to the fellowship void by failure of — Fuller to subscribe to the Act of Uniformity. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 118.*]
- Jan. 29. Warrant for swearing Nicholas Nichols letter founder to His Majesty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 337.*]
- Jan. 29. Warrant to pay to Lord Arlington 5,000*l.* out of the Poll Act money, for intelligences and other private services relating to the present war with the Dutch. [*Docquet.*]
- Jan. 29. Warrant to pay to George Dobson 100*l.* for relief of the poor of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. [*Docquet.*]
- Jan. 29. Warrant to the master of the Wardrobe, to pay to Wm. Chiffinch, page of the bedchamber in place of Thos. Chiffinch deceased, 23*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* half-yearly for his liveries. [*Docquet.*]

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Jan. 29.
Whitehall.

106. Petition of Dame Frances, wife of Humble Lord Ward, Baron of Birmingham, to the King, for the title, style and precedence of the barons of Dudley, being the sole child of Sir Ferdinando Sutton, son and heir of Edw. Lord Dudley, who descended from Sir John Sutton de Dudley, the first baron in the time of Hen. VI. Claims her birthright, in discharge of her duty to God and her posterity. With reference thereon to the Lords Commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal.

Jan. 29.
Edinburgh.

107. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Has asked particulars of masts and deals aboard a ship cast away, and lying at St. Andrew's creek, from Ketelston, Admiralty judge under the Duke of Richmond. Merchants offer high prices for these great masts, to send them to Cadiz. A Hamburg vessel arrived at Shetland laden with masts and deals, which Governor Sinclair has secured, her lading belonging to the King. Has furnished them information about Mr. Lyell, his uncle Arthur Lyell, and Mr. Cutler, but they will not obey his advice. Cannot see how the hemp in the galliot, which was carefully laden under George Strachan, can be spoiled; it must be that portion which Mr. Lyell would ship in stormy weather, and it was damaged by his not obeying orders. Hopes they will not crack his credit by refusing to pay. Desires protection of his men from pressing, and the restitution of two taken by the Dunkirk frigate, otherwise he will not be trusted by the seamen for the future. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 29.
Plymouth.

108. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends explanations of his victualling account. Wants a copy of the articles between the King and the victualler, some of which were shown him by Rear-Admiral Utber, on a dispute with the victualler's agent, about throwing un-serviceable provisions overboard. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

108. I. *Debtor and creditor account* by S. Langford, victualler of Plymouth, of letters of credit for provisions granted to seven ships named, November and December 1666, also an account of casks, iron hoops, and bags received from 14 ships for the same period. [3 pages.]

Jan. 29.
Plymouth.

109. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of the Mermaid and Forester with one prize; another was left behind for want of masts. Surveys have been made by the rear-admiral's order; cannot supply the sails, &c., wanted. The Victory prize will be ready in a few days. Is forced to borrow money. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

109. I., II. *Certificates by Wm. Kendall and two others, of necessities wanted for the Forester and Mermaid.*

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Plymouth.

110. John Lanyon to Rear-Admiral Utber. The Forester and Mermaid want cables and sails, of which he has no sufficient supply, and has no money to buy what are in the town. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 29.
London.

111. William Porter to the Navy Comrs. The owners of the Loyal Subject hired ship want the accounts for her freight, &c., closed on the same terms as other ships. She rendered as good service and received as much damage as any of them, and it cost them above 1,200*l.* to refit her, they being forced to pay excessive rates for whatever was required. To expedite her masts, the men worked for, and were paid two days' wages for one. His Majesty's provisions and men continuing on board after her discharge, 15th September, she could not be employed, although several offers were made. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30.
Harwich.

112. Capt. Wm. Sealle, commander of the Malaga Merchant fire-ship, to Lord Brouncker. Mr. Dean refused to supply him with a carpenter in place of the one sick ashore with his mate, and bade all those at work in the yard to fall on him and knock his brains out, if he attempted to take one of them, declaring that he would be the first to lay hands on him. Sends particulars of Mr. Dean's proceedings in taking things from the ship and selling them, and refusing to supply necessities. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30.
Roe ketch,
Hull.

113. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Will want victuals if the wind continue contrary, also sails and ropes. Is grieved to be in so good a ketch so badly fitted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30.

114. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Will direct the victualling of the Mary Rose to carry the soldiers at Plymouth [to Tangiers]. Has dispatched Rear-Admiral Kempthorne's provisions to the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30.
The Warspite,
Spithead.

115. Capt. Robert Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Sends the men's tickets to be signed. Account of the departure and condition of ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30.
Deal.

116. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The whole fleet of merchant ships sailed yesterday, except those for Barbadoes, which have an embargo till Lord Willoughby comes down.

Jan. 30.

117. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one from Kinsale, January 11, recording the arrival and departure of ships.

Jan. 30.
London.

118. James Hicke to [Williamson]. Sends such letters as have arrived. Williamson has had his letters some hours earlier since Mr. Gardiner had the control at the post office, as he attends closely to business, by which means others do the same.

Jan. 30.
Falmouth.

119. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Barbadoes and Virginia ships have gone for Plymouth; also the Orange Tree of London for the Straits, laden with pilchards.

Jan. 31.

120. Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Lord Arlington. Wants a licence to land the ships of wines in the the enclosed note at Dover; they were both laden and paid for before the prohibition.

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Jan. ?

121. Petition of John English to Lord Arlington, for leave to land 50 tuns of Bourdeaux wine, for which Sir Wm. St. Ravy procured a passport from the King, and which have paid customs, but are stayed, notwithstanding an Order in Council, because they a little exceed the proposition assigned by the passport.

Jan. 31.

Warrant to the Commissioners of Customs to permit John English, merchant, to unlade all the French wines from the Santa Maria, on paying the customs, although it contains 36 tuns more than the 50 tuns for which he had licence. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 119.*]

Jan. 31.

Harwich.

122. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Comrs. Accounts of his survey of the Elias prize. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 31.

123. Viscount Bulkeley to Lord Arlington. Hopes soon to be able to forward the prisoners to Chester, as directed. Has ordered any letters to or from them to be sent to him. The enclosed discovers something of the design of their intended voyage into Ireland. Will have to furnish them with necessaries to Chester, as they are so naked that they cannot pay their prison charges. *Encloses,*

123. 1. *Lewis Des Mymeres to Simon Choisin, Beaumaris Castle. Hears that two Frenchmen were arrested at Holyhead, and Glover, master of a ship from Chester, has delivered a saddle belonging to one of them to an officer of Dublin Castle. Fears it is Choisin and his companion. Mr. Verbecq will labour for their enlargement. Has lent 330l. to Jean Choisin of Kinsale, whose ships were detained for want of money. Private affairs. [French.] Dublin, Jan. 26.*

Jan. ?

124. Petition of Ralph Errington, one of the troop of Guards, to the Duke of Albemarle, to procure him payment of 38l. 7s. employed in travelling to Chester and Holyhead to apprehend two suspicious persons who were sailing for Ireland; had only 5l. of the prisoners' money, and is liable for 8l. 14s. 8d., which they left unpaid at Beaumaris gaol.

Jan. ?

125. Petition of Ralph Errington, one of the Life Guards, to Lord Arlington, for payment of 47l. 1s. 8d., disbursed in the apprehension of Choisin and Fourdin, according to his orders, which sum Mr. Williamson refuses to pay, on the ground that the petitioner got the money found about the prisoners. Thinks this is his proper right, and it was only 20l.

Jan. ?

126. Petition of Chas. Gringand, late secretary to Sir George Downing, to the King, to interpose with the intended deputy for Ireland to receive him into some employment; has been unable to reap any benefit from the assent to several petitions, granted in consideration of his severe imprisonment in Holland.

Jan. ?

127. Petition of William Goodman, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for discharge on good security, or

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release on bail for his appearance ; was committed by his lordship's warrant in August last, but nothing has been proved against him ; the Lord Chancellor opposed a petition for his release, but afterwards refused to intermeddle ; the judges will not admit him to bail without his lordship's consent, the allegation against him being treasonable.

Jan. ?

128. Memorandum for Mr. Williamson, that Mrs. Chiffinch desires the King's signature to copies of warrants for her late husband Thos. Chiffinch, for payment to him as a commissioner for getting in the Kings goods, the originals having been lost, that she may be able to pass the accounts.

Jan.

129. Memoranda [from the Signet books] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Grant to John Russell of the office of keeper of Chingford Walk, with 50*l.* yearly, for repair of the lodges.

Assignment of Sec. Morice's pension of 300*l.* a year on the alienations.

Grant to Jacob Le Gomme of the office of King's jeweller for life, with the sole power of making badges of honour, as the Simpsons had ; fee, 100*l.* a year.

Grant to Mrs. Wells of a pension of 200*l.* a year.

Jan. ?

130. The King to the Duke of York. Considers it more advantageous for the service that merchants' ships should be used as convoys, rather than ships of war ; he is to order as many as are necessary to be hired for the ensuing summer. [*Draft.*]

Jan. ?

131. John Poyne to Jas. Hickes. Did not detain the mail, but sent it off within half an hour, and hears that it was not kept at Ipswich.

Jan.

132. Edm. Custis to Williamson. Requests a pass for two horses to be exported to him.

Jan. ?

133. Edm. Custis to J. Richards, at Lord Arlington's, Whitehall. Requests a pass for Rob. Custis, his wife and six children, removing from Rotterdam.

Jan. ?

134. Memorial on behalf of the Earl of Castlemaine, now abroad, relative to a renewal of the lease of houses at Charing Cross, which he holds from the Mercers' Company, as tenant to the Hospital of Greenwich, for which they ask 1,800*l.*, valuing them in proportion to the great rise of rents since the fire of London, but which are now diminishing, and the rate at six years' purchase is but 900*l.* ; with request that Sir Rich. Ford, Sir John Dethick, and others of the company may be remonstrated with, and requested to be at the committee when the matter is debating. *Annexing,*

134. I, II. *Lists of 25 names, [probably the Master, Wardens, and Fellows of the Mercers' Company.]*

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Jan. ? 135. Note by Sir Wm. St. Ravy of the wine which he has brought from France by the King's command, for the price of which he refers to the King, as well as the costs of the Spring Garden, for which he has paid Mr. Prat 108*l.*; he also paid 240*l.* on behalf of the late King of happy memory. [3 pages, *French.*]

Jan. ? 136. Translation of part of the above.

Jan. ? 137. Representation of the state and condition of Margaret Fell, now prisoner in Lancaster Castle, made to the King, that he may release her, as she has been more than three years in a cold, windy, smoky, wet prison, because she refused the Oath of Allegiance, her conscience not permitting her to swear.

Jan. ? 138. List of 10 [deputy lieutenants ?] of Leicestershire.

Jan. ? 139. Similar list, with six additional names.

Jan. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's ships and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, &c.

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Remarks.
140.	Jan. 2	2	6	S. E.	
141.	" 3	2	6	W.	
142.	" 25	11	36	S. W.	
143.	" 26	12	36	W.	
144.	" 27	13	39	W.	News of Lord Willoughby's being cast away, Antigua taken by the French, &c.
145.	" 29	—	—	N.E.	Ships the same as on the 28th.

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London.

Levant Company to [the Earl of Winchelsea]. Write by the general ships bringing great quantities of cloth, which will facilitate the payment of a gratuity for him. Fear that Dr. Pickering is drawing the youth of the Smyrna factory into gaming and debauchery; will not feel safe till he, his wife, and other vicious persons there without employment are out of Turkey. Have objected to the treasurer's accounts in some things which, though small in the beginning, may lead to vast expense; viz., first, a charge of eight dollars for candles for the friars of St. Peter and St. Francis; second charges for feasts; it is declared in the Privy Council that corporations ought not to feast at the expense of trade; third, provisions made for a journey of his excellency to Adrianople, which was not prosecuted, so the provisions should be used, or sold on the company's account; fourth, a great charge for a coach, tents, &c., which must be carefully

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kept, or sold if it can be done without great loss ; fifth, the addition of 100 to the 400 dollars allowed to a minister ; sixth, the allowance for the chapel clerk, which they refuse to pay. Any loss accruing in these points to him cannot be equivalent to the ill consequences of such innovations to themselves. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 148-150.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Will. Hedges. Make exceptions to his accounts on the points named in the preceding letter ; also to the large charge of 25 dollars for a horseman carrying letters ; to the half per cent. on loss of money, only four per 1,000 being allowed before ; and to 30 per cent. for making the ambassador's money weighty ; conjure him to avoid putting even trivial things into their account which may occasion disputes with the ambassador, to prevent which his salary will henceforth be sent in weighty dollars. One of the general ships is bound for Constantinople, two for Smyrna, and one for Smyrna and Scanderoon ; their lading cloth and a parcel of cinnamon. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5. pp. 151-3.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Consul Cave. Will have his salary paid in weighty money, that is Lyons dollars, in future. They have more occasion to take away his gratuity than he to repine at defalcations, after his neglect of orders in clearing up the exceptions to the treasurer's accounts, and his easy remission of duties to ships, which will now be stopped from his salary, and any such omission in future will not be passed over, he being there only to do the company's service. Send a list of the lading of the general ships ; to avoid partiality, have proportioned the tonnage to each person's adventure in cloth. Several young men, adventurers exporting on their own account, are to deliver upon oath to whom the goods belong, in order to avoid interlopers. Are troubled with reports of gaming and debauchery in the factory, though he does not name them. Sir And. Riccard, governor, sends a Polyglott Bible in six volumes, as foundation of a better library ; it is to be chained fast and remain for the use of the ministers. Have subscribed 20,000 Lyons dollars for the wants of the place. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 153-5.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Rich. Langley. Those who pretend to pay consulage at home do but abuse him ; he is to demand it again. The bills of exchange for 12,000 dollars shall be cleared. Have told the consul that he must make good his remission of duties to general ships ; hopes he has been prudent enough to take caution for their payment at home ; the state of the trade will not admit of such precedents. Have paid there 25*l*., the quarter's salary for Mr. Luke the minister, which is to be reckoned on his account ; Benj. Coles is to have returned the duties levied by mistake on his cloth. Send 10,000 Lyons dollars, to be charged by bills of exchange on the treasurer, at 5*s*. a dollar. Account of goods sent over in the ships. A broke of 20 per cent. is to be levied on the adventures allowed to the apprentices sent over, and their goods noted, lest they colour those of interlopers. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 156-7.]

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London.

Levant Company to Consul Lannoy. Hope by his prudence and the ambassador's help, that damage may be prevented from the trouble given by the Emyr about estimating cloth, by renewing the "hattecheriff." Think the proposal to remove the scale to Tripoli is merely to draw money; if so, order him to remove the whole factory of his own accord to Tripoli; therefore the ships are not to be unladen, unless they may relade on the usual terms; he is to admit no overture of paying extra custom. Approve his proceedings with the Bassa, but warn him, from what has passed with the latter about the merchant strangers, to take none but English strangers under his protection in future. Goods brought from Leghorn by general ships are liable to consulage. Have elected Wm. Frampton to succeed Mr. Loe as factor, after the return of the general ships, but Loe is first to repair the warehouses at Scanderoon, his successor being under like obligations to keep them in repair; and till this be effected, his salary is not to be paid. Mr. Frampton is not, as Loe has done, to colour the money and goods of French and others, on pain of removal. Roger Vivian, factor's assistant, is to be dismissed, if the complaints brought against him by Mr. Loe, as a debauched person, be true. Account of general ships and young men adventurers. The tonnage home is to be proportioned to goods sent, to secure impartiality. Send a vest and cap for the dragoman, as usual on the arrival of general ships. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 158–161.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Mun Brown. Have heard of the shameful flight of Stanton and Bishop, which will be a perpetual infamy to the English; if the Emyr be unfriendly, think a removal to Tripoli might be advantageous. Disapprove his levying extra consulage on three ships. Money will be provided him by subscription, to be charged on the treasurer, in four months' bills, which will be duly paid, or some other course taken for supply if moneys are wanted. Directions as above about Mr. Frampton, Loe, and Vivian, general ships, and adventures of young men. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, pp. 161–63.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Mr. Loe, marine factor. Receive frequent complaints of his miscarriages, and his father says he intends to leave the employment; appoint Wm. Frampton to succeed him, when the general ships are cleared off. He is to pay Mr. Vivian his salary, and perform his agreement in repairing the warehouses; till this is done, he is not to receive his duties on these ships. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, p. 163.]

Feb. 1.
London.

Levant Company to Willm. Frampton, at Aleppo. Choose him, on recommendation of his uncle, Wm. Frampton, as marine factor at Scanderoon. Send him articles of agreement to sign, seal, and return. Appoint Vivian his assistant, if a fitting person, with 400 dollars allowance; he is to receive and keep the warehouses in good repair. The articles contain a clause against colouring the goods of strangers, in which he is to be exactly careful. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5, p. 164.]

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Feb. 1. Levant Company to Tho. Hunt, at Aleppo. Thank him for a
 London. letter aiming at the good of their trade, which is acknowledged to
 be his, though not subscribed by him. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. 5,
 p. 165.]

Feb. 1.

1. "Advices," being notes from letters received, as follows :—
 Yarmouth, Jan. 30 : 12 light colliers have come in under convoy
 of the Little Victory, and 12 others went to London without
 convoy.

Aldborough, Jan. 31 : Several light colliers sailed northwards.

Falmouth, Jan. 27 : Three of the Barbadoes fleet have come in,
 and the Phoenix of Leith from Virginia ; 18 or 20 great ships have
 been seen off the Lizard.

Bristol, Jan. 30 : Two more Barbadoes ships have come in, and
 left 17 others off the Land's End.

Plymouth, Jan. 29 : A ship from Barbadoes has come in, and five
 or six frigates are in port.

Dartmouth, Jan. 29 : Eight men, brought in by a privateer from
 a French vessel, ran away after examination, for fear of imprison-
 ment.

Pendennis, Jan. 28 : The Forester has left for Plymouth, with
 three Barbadoes vessels, one of his prizes, and a Virginia-man.

Pembroke, Jan. 25 : The Dartmouth from Lisbon and a vessel
 from Barnstaple were pursued by five French men-of-war, but the
 night saved them.

Weymouth, Jan. 30 : A Bilboa vessel, bound for Ostend with
 wool and iron, has arrived, having been much tossed at sea.

Portsmouth, Jan. 31 : The York and other vessels are gone to
 cruise. The Hawk has come in ; she was attacked near the Isle of
 Wight by three small French vessels, but on her firing a gun with
 case-shot, there was a great cry amongst them, and they went off.
 The Revenge and Warwick, with their convoy, have sailed with a
 fair wind.

Harwich, Jan. 31 : The galliot hoy, one of the three vessels with
 Heemskirk, plied before the Texel, was discovered by two Dutch
 vessels, one a man-of-war, which the galliot mistook for his com-
 panions, and came up with them, but perceiving his error, escaped
 safe to Yarmouth, though pursued by them.

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2. ——— to Williamson. Bernard Howard and Bevill Skelton,
 fearing opposition in a grant made to them of one of the prizes now
 lying at Portsmouth with her lading, request an order instead for
 some moneys out of the Prize Office, Plymouth, to supply their
 present necessities, which are very great.

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3. Blank subscription order for a copy of the second volume of
 Physico-Mathematical Collections, destroyed in the late fire, price 8s.,
 to be published within 12 months by Sam. Thompson, by favour of
 the Royal Society, provided he receive a competent number of sub-
 scriptions. [*Printed.*]

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Edinburgh.

4. Proclamation prohibiting the import into Scotland of all Irish cattle, except horses, and of Irish salt, beef, grain, or meal, on pain of confiscation and punishment of the importers, Scotland being so well provided in itself with these commodities as to be able to export them, in case of trade with foreign nations, now for the most part stopped. [*Printed.*]

Feb. 1.
Lynn.

5. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A vessel has arrived from Tynemouth, which saw no enemy. A fisherwoman is sent to gaol because she struck with her hammer a man who snatched an oyster from her, and he died. Great preparations are making in building the mart usually held in Lynn from February 3 to 10, and many tradesmen have arrived from several parts.

Feb. 1.
Plymouth.

6. John Clarke to Williamson. Entreats influence with Lord Arlington, who is to have the sole command of the post-office after Lady Chesterfield, to continue him at the post-office, Plymouth, which he has held ever since the Restoration, and never neglected his duty, though another is seeking for the office on pretence of his being sick and declining. Keeps a tavern, and the post is a means of drawing custom to the house. Lord Arundel, Sir Jonathan Trelawney, and others will testify to his loyalty, and Sir Phil. Frowde to his punctuality in the office.

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Plymouth.

7. John Clarke to James Hikes. The Mary Rose took on board 70 or 80 soldiers ready to embark for Tangiers, and the victuals for the garrison will be put on board other ships. Lord Willoughby is expected, with the Barbadoes fleet, which is to touch at Plymouth.

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8. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Plymouth Fort.

9. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Would have been glad if Williamson had succeeded at Dartmouth, and will try to serve him should any other burgess-ship fall vacant. As to Plympton-St.-Mary there is no vacancy,—as Sir Wm. Stroude is alive and likely to recover,—but what Sir Edmund Fortescue stands for, and will probably carry. The York and Mary Rose have arrived with 30 sail, bound for Tangiers, Spain, Portugal, &c.

Feb. 1.
Hull.

10. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Is sorry to hear that Antigua is lost. The Tiger and Eagle, with 50 light colliers going for Newcastle, were forced by winds into Burlington Bay. Repairs of the Hampshire.

Feb. 1.
Newcastle.

11. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Between 80 and 100 sail of ships were seen off the Head, but as nothing is heard of them, it is supposed they are gone for the Humber or Burlington Bay.

Feb. 1.
Minehead.

12. John Maurice to Williamson. Two vessels from Ireland heard of no pickeroons; 30 or 40 are there ready to lade with cattle and sheep, but waiting a wind. Hopes the bill against importing Irish cattle will not pass before their arrival in England; the passing of that bill much troubles the people in Ireland.

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Southwold.

13. John Wickens to James Hickes. Will send all news that arises to Squire Williamson. Passage of ships.

Feb. 1.
Newcastle.

14. Wm. Blackett, mayor of Newcastle, to the Navy Comrs. Will send their letter to Mr. Bower, who lives at Bridlington, 70 miles off. Hopes they will pay the money due to the poor workmen to John Rushworth or Samuel Hartlib, the town agents. Had an apprentice, named Rich. Kelsay, pressed two years ago into the Ruby frigate; procured his discharge, and since then he has become master of the Joseph of Newcastle, but being lately in London, he first had his men pressed, and getting more and coming to Ouseley Bay, a boat from the Success pressed and took him, and left his vessel at anchor with three men and a boy. Desires an order, not only to clear him but to keep him from being pressed for the future. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

15. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has often complained of his great straits for money, but there is no visible appearance of relief. The King's ships named before will be ready in two days; has little left in stock for the Adventure. The master of the Golden Sun will go to Portsmouth as ordered, though he has not quite got his complement of seamen. Sends an account of the canvas on board the prize ship Liefde of Stralsund. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,

15. 1. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Is compelled by necessity to lay his wants before them. The amount of work done at that port since the war can be seen by their books and papers; can appeal to the commanders of ships and to their honours for approval of his proceedings. Will not mind pains in the service, nor being liable to disbursements as far as his condition will suffer, but to be continually laying out money and stretching his credit is not convenient to one who came into their employment with credit, and desires the like when he leaves it; 7,950l. 15s. 6d. is due, whereof 2,234l. 14s. 9d. is assigned on the chamber of London, and with as much uncertainty in the payment as the rest, and there is 740l. due besides for cordage bought of Mr. Woolley of Dartmouth. Their promises of speedy payment and their effort to obtain him 3,000l. out of the proceeds of the prize oils have been without success; this is still feasible, as the goods unsold will produce 15,000l., besides prizes brought in almost every week by those ships upon which his disbursements are made. The Poll Bill being passed, hopes relief, or he must be sacrificed. Asks whether the disbursements of all the commissisoners and agents of other yards put together would amount to so much as his, who never received one farthing of imprest. [*1½ pages.*]

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15. II. *Certificate by John Cockworthy and Jostlin Carne, of defects found in the Adventure.*

Plymouth Port, Feb. 1, 1666.

Feb. 1. 16. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has fitted the ships and
Dover. they are gone. Desires stores written for before, and also some iron.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. 17. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of the victualling
Dover. of ships and indents of pursers. Asks whether the pursers' word
can be taken when their provisions ought to end, as few will bring
certificates; is now ordered to give them no extra money unless
they give account when the ships' allowances begin and end.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. 18. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Thanks him for promising to
Weymouth. see her righted about an assignment for money on the Poll Bill. Has
20 or 30 tons of cordage on hand, which the shortness of their
honours' prohibition could not prevent being made. Desires that it
may be sent with some hemp to Portsmouth, and the same price
allowed as for the last. The election took place on Monday last,
when Sir John Coventry was proclaimed a representative of that
borough, by a majority of 50. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 19. Joseph Wray to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of a ship
Bristol. building in Bristol marsh. Mr. Baylie, the shipwright, is a very
troublesome man, and when argued with, returns it with foul and
abusive language; has kept him to his contract, but the work goes
on slowly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 20. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. There
Ipswich. have been three killings of oxen and three brewings, also bakings
this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 21. Ri. Reynell, clerk of Surgeons' Hall, to Thos. Hayter.
Returns the bill sent with the names of surgeons who were im-
pressed. The surgeon for the Roe ketch went to Harwich on foot,
and is supposed to be with the ship. The surgeon of the Deptford
has been many months at sea, and received no free-gift nor imprest
money. Desires new bills to get him his money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 22. Edmund Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Has
Rye. assisted Capt. Teate in shipping the St. Andrew's stores, and as
labourers and boats were not to be had without money, is at daily
expense. Hopes care will be taken that he does not suffer for his
forwardness in laying down money, rather than see His Majesty's
affairs impeded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 23. Thos. Bond, boatswain of the St. Andrew, to the Navy Comrs.
Rye. The vessel that has taken the ship's stores is too short to receive the
bowsprit, mizen mast, and great yards, so must leave them behind.
Asks whether to remain with the ship or come up with the stores.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Feb. 2. Portsmouth. 24. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There have been 75 oxen and 159 hogs slaughtered this week. Victualling of three ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 2. 25. Edw. Randolph to the Navy Comrs. Has been forced to sell the land upon which his timber grew, and has fled from home, leaving a wife and a great family of servants to their own disposing. Creditors will forbear no longer, as his delays have made them deaf to all entreaties; must either fly the country or starve in gaol. Casts himself at their feet, and craves assistance. Noted by [Pepys], 205*l.* 10*s.* Endorsed "Mr. Edw. Randolph, for payment of his bills." [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 2. Weymouth. 26. John Pocock to James Hickes. Finds he has had an account of their manner of choosing burgesses; was unwilling to give it in full, as he could not have done it without partiality.
- Feb. 2. Newcastle. 27. Rich. Forster to Williamson. One fleet of light colliers has safely arrived, and another is expected; they will be soon laden.
- Feb. 2. Mortlake, Surrey. 28. Certificate by Mat. Sheppard, jun., that John Bonneau, a French Protestant, of civil deportment, served him a year as sugar refiner, but that he has no further employment for him, his house and goods being consumed in the late dreadful fire; therefore he now wishes to return to his own country.
- Feb. 2. Lyme. 29. Anthony Thorold to James Hickes. No French vessels have arrived. Some merchants in Bruges write that the Emperor and King of Spain are ready to declare war against France, and that Holland grows so jealous that she is on the point of differing with France, and would gladly have a peace with England.
- Feb. 2. Draycot Cerne. 30. Col. J. Long to Williamson. Is sorry to have spoken imprudently; was indignant at slackness in the King's service. Charles Aland, the writer of the letter mentioned, is in the dungeon under Marlborough town house; the letter was addressed to his eldest son, James Aland, of Longly Burrell, an accomplice in the treason. James was to advise his father's six dear friends to be ready at an hour's warning, and he was to come to Marlborough, to know the precise time when they would be in arms. Thinks a warrant should be sent to Wm. Duckett, justice of peace and a militia officer, to apprehend Jas. Aland; also a letter to Sam. Ash of Longly Burrell, near Chippenham, requiring an account of a letter delivered to Ash, directed to Jas. Aland, who should be examined upon the letter sent to him by his father; he will fly unless taken before Mr. Ash is required to give an account of the letter; others have lately fled, probably on account of the same conspiracy; took one of them, Hardy, a Yorkshireman; the justices refused to bail him, and committed him to Salisbury gaol, but the constable let him escape, having first conveyed away his horse, a very good one; he pretended that his business was to unite in charity the Anabaptists and Quakers, but it was really to engage the numerous and wealthy Quakers to conspire with the Anabaptists; even the Quakers think

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him a turbulent person ; warrants are out against the constable for not executing the *mittimus*, but they are not prosecuted. Will see that he is indicted and fined according to law ; that county has long corresponded with the north, as the north corresponds with the remonstrators in Scotland. The Alands, if well handled, could discover this nest of vipers, many of whom are of very good estates ; if some of these impudent traitors were capitally punished, it would re-establish the dignity of the Crown ; these were the great actors in the horrid impiety of the late King's murder. One of their rendezvous was a common near Aland's, in Longly Burrell ; the ground next day was found much trampled on by horses, and the silver top of a pistol was found there. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Feb. 2. 31. John Lysle to Williamson. Two vessels have arrived, bound
West Cowes. for Bruges and Ostend ; they report that many Dutch ships are lading to sail through the Channel the first wind, and that in France, a war with Spain is generally reported. The French great ships remain at Brest, the middle sort at St. Martin's, and the smaller sort are gone to the West Indies, where they are reported in France to have done great mischief to the English. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

Feb. 3. 32. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. Has just parted with the
Provost of Eton and Williamson's tutor, who both courted him more than any courtiers will do. Is used like a prince, and would be if he stayed there 12 months, but knows not how to reach Daventry, for horses are bad, and only to be had on such terms that it is better to go on foot. It is a troublesome thing to get out of the King's highway. Wants a letter by Wat. Overbury of good news, which will be very needful where he is going. John Lampire is Williamson's humble servant. [2 pages.]

Feb. 3. 33. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Our men-of-war still cruise
Portsmouth. on the coast and encourage trade. Part of Capt. Robinson's squadron, which is to convoy ships from the Sound, plies at sea, and some are repairing. The fortifications of the garrison will soon be perfected.

Feb. 3. 34. Owen Lindsey to James Hickes. An Ostender of 100 tons,
Dartmouth. laden with herrings, has been cast away at Start Point, and most of the men drowned.

Feb. 3. 35. Capt. Wm. Coleman to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of his ship ;
The Hampshire, two assistant masters of the Trinity House were ordered to place her
Hull. safely. Wants men and clothes, and desires a press warrant ; 5 have died, 21 have been sent ashore sick there, and 21 at Harwich since the Gottenburg voyage. Col. Morley, deputy governor of the town, seeing the unwillingness of the mayor and aldermen to entertain the sick men, and that no one was appointed to take care of them, ordered quarters, and engaged to pay or see that the people were paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Bristol.

36. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Shall wait longingly for a supply by the coming in of the Barbadoes ships, and go into Montgomeryshire and Shropshire soon. The boatswain, coming from Portsmouth instead of London, has not brought the instructions necessary for carrying on the work. Requires a warrant to press mariners, all being averse to enter the King's service. Wants tallow and tar for the ship's rigging, and an authorized person to pay the 9s. weekly wages promised to the men who are to assist the boatswain in fitting the ship. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

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37. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Has gone down to his ship and shall get ready for sea. Desires that the men may be ordered on board, and doubts not but he can get most of them to go with him, although they blame him for their not receiving any pay. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Feb. 4.
Falmouth.

38. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Hunter of London, bound for Tangiers, left the Downs with 50 merchantmen bound southward, who are put into Plymouth, but she overshot the port in the night and came to Falmouth. The St. Jacob of Stockholm has come in 16 days from Leith, and met no enemy. Asks why Mr. Heyden is sent to the Tower. Wants anything Heyden may have put out in print, if it be no prejudice to send it.

Feb. 4.
Pendennis.

39. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival of ships. The Montague is said to have brought into Scilly a very rich prize of 36 guns, with much silver, having long been in the Venetians' service.

Feb. 4.
Pembroke.

40. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Dutchman laden with iron and wool from Bilboa has left the harbour; not one of the King's ships has been there these two months. The Rose of Topsham has arrived from Alicant, laden with wines and fruit for Bristol.

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41. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

Feb. 4.
Yarmouth.

42. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Thanks for the offer of assistance to gain satisfaction for his discoveries of prize goods. Has been away six weeks with his son and two horses, and spent 22*l.*, but only asks the proportion allowed of what is now coming. Notices of vessels in port. The plague has broken out again at Golstone, a mile off, and three died of it last week.

Feb. 4.
Aldborough.

43. Hugh Barrow, mate to Dr. Rich. Browne, to Williamson. A French hoy attacked Comr. Taylor's hoy before the middle fort of Aldborough, but was glad to forsake her and fly northward. The hoymen shouted after her, and this alarmed the town; all were immediately in arms, and got their great guns fixed to defend her, had any more opposed her.

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44. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above. [2 pages.]

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London.

45. James Hickes to Williamson. Wm. Prestwood, postmaster of Ipswich, a surly, self-willed fellow, kept an express five hours,

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and constantly keeps the Yarmouth mail from Sunday night to Monday morning. He certainly should be punished, if the Saxmundham postmaster deserved punishment for not horsing Sir Phil. Howard's post with five or seven horses in less than half an hour.

Feb. 4. 46. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The guns and broadsides that were
Deal. heard are supposed to be near Dungeness. Thinks he should have a correspondent at New Rumney, near Dungeness; offers to go there. The late prize has none but Dieppe men on board. Will try to procure him a Dieppe correspondent.

Feb. 4. 47. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. It is reported that the Irish
Bristol. Catholics are in arms, and have declared for the Pope and French King; that they are a considerable party, and have seized a garrison of some consequence. The Prophet Elias of Bristol, of 250 tons, has been taken after a hard fight of six hours, by a French man-of-war; she would not surrender till so disabled that she could scarcely be brought into Rochelle.

Feb. 4. 48. John Pocock to James Hickes. Complains of failure of letters.
Weymouth. The Hopeful Providence has taken two prizes, which have come in from Guernsey, and reports all things in good condition in those islands. With note [from Hickes to Williamson] blaming the postmaster of Shaftsbury for delay, and requesting that he be exemplarily punished.

Feb. 4. 49. Certificate by Rich. Prescott and nine others, that during the
Lathom. late wars, they were ordered by the late powers, on the demolishing of Lathom Hall, to lend a large quantity of timber, iron, and especially lead from Lathom, for repair of Liverpool Castle; also materials from New Park Hall, large timber from Lathom Park, New Park, and other lands belonging to the Earl of Derby, and the gates of Lathom. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 4. 50. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has no news; those parts are in
Swansea. health and quietness.

Feb. 4. 51. Hugh Acland to Williamson. There have been three or four
Truro. unhappy murders in the county lately; two on bailiffs in serving processes; one accidental.

Feb. 4? 52. Petition of Thos. White, M.A., to the King, for the arch-deaconry of Lincoln, lately lapsed into His Majesty's hands.

Feb. 4. 53. Petition of Chas. Powlett and Nath. and Edm. Ludlow to the
Whitehall. King. On 7th July 1664, Charles Powlett borrowed 2,600*l.* of the late Edm. Ludlow, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, on mortgage of Husborne Tarrant and other manors, co. Hants; the said Ludlow died, leaving Nath. and Edm. Ludlow, his executors, heirs to the debt; but the land legally devolving on the next heir, Col. Edm. Ludlow, attainted of treason, is forfeit to the crown; beg a regrant of the said lands to Chas. Powlett and his heirs.

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With reference thereon to the Attorney General, and his report, March 8, 1667, that the mortgagor should be admitted to a redemption, but that the executors are not entitled to the mortgaged lands in equity, though they may be by the King's goodness.

Feb. 4. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 240.*]

[Feb. 4.] 54. Petition of Charles Powlett to the King for a grant to Nath. Ludlow and Edw. Boswell, nominees of Mary Countess of Falmouth, of the manor of Husborne Tarrant and other lands, co. Hants, mortgaged by Edm. Ludlow, sen., to the petitioner for 2,600*l.*, but escheated to the Crown by Ludlow's death without heir, whereon His Majesty ordered them to be granted to the said Countess. *Annexing,*

54. 1. *Report by Sir Charles Harbord, surveyor general, that the estate will not satisfy the legatees, without the money granted to the Countess of Falmouth; that the lady can only claim the right belonging to the attainted person, and the mortgagor having the right of redemption, the property becomes personal, and then goes by will to the executors; but that to save trouble, they will give her a sum of money if she will resign the lands to them.*

Feb. 4. Warrant authorizing the unloading of the St. Anne of Nieuport, laden with French wines, belonging to English subjects only, notwithstanding the late proclamation against import of French goods. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 340.*]

Feb. 4. 55. Like warrant for unloading the St. George of Malmew, laden
Whitehall. with wines and prunes belonging to English subjects alone.

Feb. 4. Minute of the above and of a warrant for unlading the St. Theresa of Nieuport, laden with French wines. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 340.*]

Feb. 4. 56. Like warrant for unlading the St. Elizabeth of Nieuport.
Whitehall.

Feb. 4. Minute of the above, and of warrants for unloading the White Dove and St. Anne, both of Nieuport. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 341.*]

Feb. 4. Pass for the ship Andrew, laden with wines for the household of the Duke of Ormond, from Rouen to Ireland. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 341.*]

Feb. 4. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to order payment of the guards and certain garrisons, from the Royal aid in cos. Wilts, Gloucester, Dorset, and the town of Poole, as before ordered but not fulfilled, whereby the said garrisons are in great distress; the said moneys to be paid, although the sums are returned to the House of Commons as undisposed of. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 345.*]

Feb. 5. The King to [the Farmers of Customs]. The Houses of Parliament have represented, by their address of 29th January, the sad condition of divers subjects concerned in goods now on board ships

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in the river, lately arrived from France, and have interceded for their relief, the said goods belonging only to Englishmen, and most of them laden before October or November last; they are therefore to permit the St. Lucy of Nieuport, one of the said vessels, to land certain goods, the late proclamation against the import of French goods notwithstanding. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 346.*]

[Feb. 5.] 57. Draft of the above.

Feb. Similar warrants for the unlading of other ships, as follow, some being the original warrants, others minutes appended to the preceding warrant in the Entry Book:—

Date.	No.	Entry Book. No. 23.	Name of Ship.	Goods.	Name of Owner.
Feb. 6	58	p. 346	Fortune of Hamburg -	Wine, paper, and prunes.	John Wadlow.
" 6	59	346	St. John of Ostend -	Wine - - -	John Loveroo.
" 6	60	347	St. Philip of Ostend or St. Susan of Bruges.	Wine, vinegar, and brandy.	
" 6	61	347	Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg	Wine and rape -	John Stone and John Vickers.
" 6	62	347	Cross of Bergen -	Wine and brandy -	Andrew Pope.
" 6	63	347	St. Jacob of Hamburg	Wine - - -	
" 6	64	347	St. Jacob of Hamburg	Wine and rape -	Rich. Hickman.
" 6	65	347	St. Joseph of Newport	Wine and rape -	
" 6	66	347	Cross of Bergen -	Wine - - -	John Boughton.
" 6	67	347	Concord of Hamburg	Paper, salt, and planks	
" 6	68	347	Anne and Mary of Hamburg	Wine - - -	John Holman.
" 6	69	347	St. Nicholas of Stockholm	Brandy and vinegar -	
" 6	70	347	St. Joseph of Nieuport	Wine - - -	Nich. Bruny.
" 6	71	347	St. Nicholas of Lubec	Salt, brandy, and pepper.	
" 5	72	347	Count Eric of Riga -	Wine - - -	Edw. Weymar.
" 5	73	347	St. Jacob of Hamburg	Wine - - -	Thos. Fincham.
" 5	74	347	Pelican of Hamburg	Wine - - -	Edw. Thompson.
" 6	75	348	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine - - -	Fras. Young.
" 6	76	348	St. John of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
" 6	77	348	St. John of Ostend -	Brandy and wine -	George Torriano and Peter Paravicini.
" 6	78	348	Posthorse of Stockholm	Kidskins, vinegar, and wine.	
" 6	79	348	St. Mary of Ostend -	Tartar - - -	Arnold Sartillion and Sam. Huntington.
" 6	80	348	St. Jacob of Hamburg	Wine and muskets -	
" 6	81	348	St. John Evangelist of Ostend.	Wine - - -	Wm. Johnson.
" 6	82	348	Mercurius of Stockholm -	Wine, vinegar, and brandy.	John Lemkaell and Theodore Jacobson.
" 6	83	348	St. Anne of Ostend -	Wine, prunes, brandy, and vinegar.	
" 5	84	348	St. Katherine of Hamburg -	Wine - - -	Abraham Wissell, Nich. Phelipps, & Co.
" 6	85	348	St. John of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
" 6	86	348	St. Philip of Ostend -	Cork and prunes -	Stephen Thompson.
" 6	87	349	St. John of Frederickstadt -	Wine, prunes, and turpentine.	

Feb. 5. The King to the Farmers of Customs. Several warrants having been issued for vessels to unlade the quantities of goods particularized, belonging to subjects, it may happen that under pretence of these licences, a door may be opened for the indirect unlading of other goods not comprehended in the warrants, unless special circumspection be used; they are therefore to take care that the entries agree with the particulars mentioned in the warrants, to charge the

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tidesmen and waiters attending the landing, to allow no other goods to be delivered other than those returned in the said entries, and to order the officers on board by no means to permit the filling up of wines, brandies, or other liquid commodities, which are to be landed. With a list of the ships for which warrants were issued, being the same as those in the following list; and in addition the St. Lawrence of Nieuport, and St. Jacob of Ostend. [*Ent. Book 23. pp. 353-5.*]

[Feb. 5.] 74. Draft of the above letter.

Feb. 5. Warrants for landing goods from the following ships:—

No.	Name of Ship.	Goods.	Owners.
75	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine - - -	Lucas Santen, Edw. King, and Co.
	St. Philip of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
	Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine - - -	
	Patriarch Jacob of Staden -	Wine - - -	
	St. Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine, brandy, vinegar, prunes, and seeds.	
76	St. John Evangelist of Ostend.	Wine - - -	Thos. Wade
	Old Tobias of Malmew -	Wine - - -	
	Pelican of Westerwick -	Wine - - -	
	St. Joseph of Nieuport -	Wine, prunes, brandy, and vinegar.	
77	St. Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine, vinegar, brandy -	Wm. Coles.
	Posthorse of Stockholm -	Wine - - -	
78	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine and brandy -	Hen. Stanley.
79	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine - - -	Vincent Delabarre.
80	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine - - -	Nich. Thurman and partner.
	Lady Mercy -	Wine - - -	
	Posthorse of Stockholm -	Wine - - -	
81	Trinity of Nieuport -	Brandy - - -	Lucas Santen.
	Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg -	Brandy - - -	
82	St. Joseph of Nieuport -	Wine - - -	Jas. Nettmaker.
83	St. Joseph of Nieuport -	Wine - - -	James Lane.
84	St. Joseph of Nieuport -	Wine and prunes -	Hen. Sclater and Hen. Josye.
85	St. Anthony of Ostend -	Brandy, wine, paper, and linen.	Sam. Atkins.
86	St. Philip of Ostend -	Wine - - -	John Stone.
87	Count Eric of Riga -	Wine and brandy -	Nich. Love.
88	Count Eric of Riga -	Wine and brandy -	Thos. Canham.
89	Count Eric of Riga -	Brandy - - -	Ant. Gronen.
	St. Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine - - -	
90	Count Eric of Riga -	Wine - - -	Jos. Batailhé
	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
91	St. Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine - - -	Rich. Alye.
	St. Katherine of Hamburg -	Wine and brandy -	
	St. Peter of Ghent -	Wine and brandy -	
92	Pelican of Hamburg -	Wine and prunes -	John Dobie.
	[St.] Katherine of Hamburg -	Wine - - -	
93	[St.] Katherine of Hamburg -	Wine and brandy -	Rich. Fuller.
94	Town of Dantzic -	Wine - - -	Theod. Jacobson & Co.
95	St. Nicholas of Stockholm -	Brandy and kidskins -	Rob. Bendish, Abraham Castle & Co., Yarmouth.
	Sturgeon of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
96	St. Philip of Ostend -	Wine and brandy -	John Furley, jun.
	St. Joseph of Nieuport -	Wine - - -	
	St. John of Ostend -	Wine - - -	
	St. Nicholas of Stockholm -	Brandy, rape, and wine -	
97	Patriarch Jacob -	Wine - - -	John Dolins.
	Susanna of Bruges -	Wine - - -	
	Philip of Ostend -	Wine and brandy -	
	Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg -	Wine and brandy -	
98	St. John of Frederickstadt -	Wine - - -	Wm. Carbonnell.
	St. Barbe of Ostend -	Kidskins and vinegar -	
	Concord of Hambur -	Kidskins and noyals -	

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No.	Name of Ship.	Goods.	Owners.
[99]	Cross of Bergen - -	Wine - - - -	Geo. Willoughby & Co.
	St. John of Ostend - -	Skins - - - -	
	St. Jacob of Hamburg - -	Wine and prunes - -	
	St. Barbe of Ostend - -	Wine and kidskins - -	
	St. John of Frederickstadt - -	Prunes, brandy, wine - -	
	St. Lucy [of Nieuport] - -	Paper, skins, wine, cream of tartar, and cork. - -	
100	Lady Mercy - - - -	Brandy - - - -	Sam. Swynock.
	St. Jacob of Hamburg - -	Verdigris - - - -	
	Fortune of Bremen - -	Wine - - - -	
	St. Barbe of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
	St. Philip of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
	Golden Fortune of Bremen - -	Brandy - - - -	
101	St. John of Frederickstadt - -	Wine - - - -	Mich. Clipsham.
	St. John of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
	Lady Mercy of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
	Posthorse of Stockholm - -	Brandy - - - -	
	[St.] Philip of Ostend - -	Wine and brandy - -	
	St. John of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
102	St. Peter of Bruges - -	Prunes and wine - -	Arnold and Sam. Beake and Jane Whitwood.
	Susan of Bruges - -	Wine - - - -	
	Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg - -	Prunes and wine - -	
	Hope of Ostend - -	Wine - - - -	
	St. Peter of Ostend - -	Prunes, cork, and wine - -	
	Pelican of Westerwick - -	Butter, prunes, fruit and wine. - -	
103			Hen. Sclater and Wm. Goulston.

Feb. 5. Warrant to G. Clifford and S. Hartlib to go on board the said vessels and seize all French commodities not included in the warrants for landing goods, to lay them up in a convenient storehouse, and to search for any which have been embezzled. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 350-2.*]

Feb. 5. Commission to John Earl of Rutland of the lieutenancy of the county of Leicester. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 5. Licence for the ship Trial, laden with fish &c., at Plymouth, to be brought home from Villa Franca by French mariners. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 119.*]

Feb. 5. 104. C. Sanderson to Williamson. John Foxy and Chris. Pooley, two seducing spirits, have been in those northern parts, pretending to know whether any who are of their opinions would go into the Palatinate; they only want to find out who is of their party; has had no answer to his enquiry whether they should be apprehended; they are now in Nottinghamshire. Gives their addresses; sends a letter from his informant. Mr. Cocks, whom he names, is a very dangerous person, is steward to Lady Vane, and lives in Raby Castle, a very strong place. He is now in Lincolnshire, and is going by London to Lady Vane in Kent. Private affairs. *Encloses,*

104. 1. [*Name erased*] to Mr. Phillipson. Hears from Rawlinson that Col. Ingleby, and Capt. Rowld, who was lieutenant to Major Beak in Oliver's Life Guard, with many more of the old army, are engaged by solemn oath to try to overturn the government, and have taken the sacrament upon it to stand by one another, and to conceal all proceedings. They will try to get up Rich. Crowwell, as the only one who has a right to rule. Had he come last summer when

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they sent for him, there would have been 10,000 horse ready to receive him. Mrs. Ingleby said she wished her husband had lost his right arm when he engaged against Lambert and took him, but she hoped he would redeem his lost esteem. Col. Ingleby has been some time in Lancashire and other counties, engaging the gentry and soldiery, pledging them to endure the greatest torments rather than break their oath of secrecy, and to be ready at an hour's warning to engage for their lawful protector on notice of his landing. Nich. Shittleworth, a person of quality, whom Mr. Cocks of Raby knew to be in the late plot, is engaged. Tobias Ubanck is jealous about him, and threatened to have him examined, but dared not when Mr. Cocks said he would warrant him. Will do his best to discover these designs, and prays for their prevention. [1½ pages.] Feb. 4, 1667.

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Edinburgh.

105. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The report of the Earl of Tweeddale being made Chancellor of Scotland is uncertain. The Archbishop of Glasgow is going up to London, and may possibly come down again as Chancellor.

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Harwich.

106. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sir Laurence Van Heemskirk asserts that the ships which went with him could not bear the seas even as well as the Dutch fishing doggers, but the weather was very bad; they had only one fair day in three weeks. Is in despair because the sub-commissioners of prizes have sent him no money, though much out of purse by continual disbursements; hopes help from the principal commissioners.

Feb. 5.
Dover.

107. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sir Arthur Slingsby's lady has come over in the Flanders packet; her gentleman says that two ambassadors lie *incog.* at Liege, their design not known. Is ordered to take but 4*d.* per man from the Dutch prisoners, 2*d.* of which will be for himself, and 2*d.* for the water-bailiff. Mr. Hensie [Heinsius], agent for the prisoners, promised to pay 6*d.* before the commissioners; was content, but told them that he could not give away the duties of the town, nor the searcher's duty. Begs a letter to the mayor to take off the 14*d.* a head duty, and that will end all controversies. Can get no oranges nor onions worth sending.

Feb. 5.
Deal.

108. M. Lodge to Williamson. The St. Patrick was taken by two Holland men-of-war, after two hours' dispute; the commander behaved gallantly, and blew up the fore-castle; the fire-ship did not behave as well as she might have done, but ran away into the Downs. The Drake has taken a Flemish dogger.

Feb. 5.
Portsmouth.

109. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Two days ago, guns were heard late at night to the westward, so it is supposed some men-of-war have met an enemy. The three additional companies of soldiers ordered for that garrison are now commanded to their former quarters.

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Feb. 5. Preston. 110. Willm. Wearden to James Hickes. Would have answered his last, but thought Sir Phil. Frowde and Col. Kirkby would inform him concerning the business. Has more hopes for Mr. Williamson than formerly, if the Vice-Chancellor would but resign, as is hinted in Col. Kirkby's letter. Will do his utmost for him.
- Feb. 6. Dartmouth. 111. Owen Lindsey to James Hickes. The great merchants who turned tail in Mr. Williamson's business, were the mayor, Messrs. Haine, Whitrow, Wheeler, and Walter Togood; these were grand merchants, and faithfully promised, but revoked when money was sent to town. There were 26 others, only freemen; will send their names if required.
- Feb. 5. Plymouth. 112. John Clarke to Williamson. The merchantmen bound southward are waiting the fleet for the Straits. There are seven or eight King's frigates in port.
- Feb. 5. 113. Estimate by the Navy Comrs. of the charges of wages and wear and tear of 35,000 men employed at sea for one whole year; total 1,277,500*l*.
- Feb. 5. The Fountain, Portsmouth. 114. Capt. Thos. Legatt to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a further supply of provisions, and some oil and vinegar, needed for the men's health in the Guinea voyage, instead of flour and suet. The complement of men is reduced to 100. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 5. Plymouth. 115. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Departure of ships. The Mermaid is gone to Scilly, to bring prizes put in there by contrary winds. Has been forced to buy sailcloth for the Victory and Forester, which is very scarce, and risen in price from 10*d*. and 1*s*. per yard to 1*s*. 8*d*.; paid ready money, but cannot do so any more till a supply comes. Desires a bill for particular charges, and allowance for a person to assist, besides his own servants, in looking after the concerns aboard and ashore. Is sure His Majesty is no loser by that 40*l*. per annum. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 5. Edinburgh. 116. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. The hemp loaded on board the galliot was well conditioned, as will appear by the bill of lading; there was much spoiled hemp amongst that put aboard other ships by Peter [Patrick?] Lyell contrary to orders. Desires they will keep the broken from the whole, and let Lyell answer for it. Sends particulars of the galliot's proceedings; she was waiting six weeks for a galliot from London to go with her. Entreats them, as they respect his credit, to assist him to perform promises made concerning her and her crew, for wages and protection from pressing, otherwise must go to prison, and hear the clamour of wives for their husbands and their wages. The Tiger has arrived, and will have but a small convoy thence, as merchants cannot get men for London from fear of being pressed. The 65 masts cast ashore on the Earl of Crawford's grounds have been claimed by him. Sir Walter Seaton, customer and exciseman, has brought up Capt. Hamilton's great ship from Archangel, laden with rich commodities and hemp, and it is said he is to send her to London. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Feb. 5. 117. Account by John Lanyon of a parcel of canvas on board the Leifde of Stralsund prize at Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 5. 118. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends his account of ships Plymouth. victualled during the month. A great quantity of provisions are shipping for Tangiers, of which next month's account will give notice. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 6. 1. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Wants the last payment for Bristol. building the St. Patrick frigate, and consideration for building beyond the contract. Is well supplied with timber [for the new ship], and will make all possible dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 2. Joseph Wray, surveyor, to the Navy Comrs. Part of the Bristol Marsh timber received is defective. Acquainted Mr. Baylie thereof, but he will not be convinced without a survey. Wants orders in any surveys for the assistance of Mr. Fusard [Furzer?]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 3. Receipt by Wm. Acworth and Wm. Sheldon for two masts, Woolwich. 101½ and 100 feet long, sent from New England as a present to His Majesty from the colony of Massachusetts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 4. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Understands they have Edwinstow. agreed with Mr. Lester for 4s. per ton for loading and piling. Particulars of money paid for shipping timber. Went to Hull and procured sails and an anchor for the hoy, and came back with Mr. Skinner, master of the Black Dog, who is now loading, and hopes to return within ten days. Requests an order as to a convoy, and six or seven more hoys to fetch timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 5. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. The Adam and Eve The Unity, Sheerness. ketch has returned. A small French shallop lay lurking under the Naze, but not meeting with any booty, went home. Intends to keep a small vessel for the discovery of pickeroons. Has his complement of men, but no soldiers. Requires ten additional seamen for the management of his two boats. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 6. Will. Hall to Williamson. Has received no Deal [letter] bag, Kentish Office. and has therefore no list.

Feb. 6. 7. Sir J. Robinson to Sir Wm. Coventry. To-day being pay- Tower. day, stirs not from home. Sir Edw. Brett has brought in ten seamen, six of whom tried to break open the Marshalsea prison, Southwark, to rescue the other four committed by the Duke of York. Asks how they are to be disposed of; will keep them there securely if charged by warrant, but hopes they will be sent to some other place. Gives the names of the six men, and of their ships.

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- Feb. 6. 8. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sends a letter for Lord [Arlington]
Dover. which some seamen in the Narrow received from the Cambridge.
- Feb. 6. 9. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. There is great talk of peace
Falmouth. with Holland, and all the country thereabouts wishes it heartily.
Sends a letter for Scotland from a seaman, and 6*d.* to pay the
postage.
- Feb. 6. 10. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. former part of his letter to Hickes of February 4.
- Feb. 6. 11. John Pocock to James Hickes. A small vessel hired at
Weymouth. Dover to carry passengers to Plymouth was obliged to run on to
the rocks south-east of Portland, to avoid a French sloop; the crew
were saved, but the vessel all staved to pieces.
- Feb. 6. 12. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared
above; and also,
Paris, Jan. 24: The French King has 80,000 or 90,000 men, but
it is not known whether for England or Flanders; he offers the
Emperor Alsatia and 20 millions, for the Low Countries. Holland
will send out no fleet this year.
Newcastle, Feb. 4: Safe arrival of the fleet of light colliers.
- Feb. 6. Order for a warrant for unlading, custom free, at Weymouth,
a ship set out from Jersey by Thos. Jermyn, laden with French
wines and brandies, but driven thither by stress of weather,
the said wines, &c., paying no customs at Jersey. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 341.]
- Feb. 7. 13. John Bower to James Hickes. The Dutch man-of-war that
Bridlington. caused some light ships to put into Bridlington Bay has stood to
sea, and the ships have sailed.
- Feb. 7. 14. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Two considerable French vessels
Truro. laden with wine and brandy, are reported to be driven into Fowey
by the storm; three vessels bound for Minehead, with cattle and
sheep from Ireland, have been forced to put in to St. Ives.
- Feb. 7. 15. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several frigates designed to
Portsmouth. cruise in the Channel are fitting for sea. A fire-ship, which left
Harwich with the St. Patrick, reports that she met off North Fore-
land two Dutch privateers; the commander of the St. Patrick indis-
creetly boarded one of them, the other boarded the St. Patrick, and
both grappled him, so that he yielded, and was carried to Holland.
The fire-ship, instead of boarding one of them, only looked on.
- Feb. 7. 16. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Thanks for intelligence of the
Harwich. King's intentions as to those parts. The ships with Dutch prisoners,
detained by the embargo, are still in the Rolling Grounds, under
convoy of the Speedwell, waiting wind to carry them to the Texel.
- Feb. 7. 17. ——— to [Williamson]. Left the Isle of Wight on the
Dartmouth. 3rd in the Dartford ketch, Capt. Pierce commander; strove in vain
on the 4th to pass Alderney. Met four French vessels, two of which

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got away, the other two were a merchantman of six guns, laden on the French King's account, and a man-of-war of eight guns, ordered as the convoy to Havre-de-Grace; after one and half hour's fight, the man-of-war shrunk and bore up, and got in between Alderney and the Casketts, where they dared not follow; the merchantman asked fair quarter. The weather being very bad next day, was forced into Dartmouth, but the prize bore for Plymouth. Begs to have the prize on appraisal, having taken great pains to gain her. Sends the examination of the master. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.] *Encloses,*

17. 1. *Examination of Stephen Acher, master of the St. Stephen of Havre-de-Grace. Was laden with salt and wine, and came from Brest with another man-of-war, ordered to Havre-de-Grace by M. De Beaufort, who still remains at Brest, is fitting the navy with all possible expedition, and sends them out as fast as they are ready. Feb. 7, 1667.*

Feb. 7. Chapter House, St. Asaph. 18. Dr. Hum. Lloyd, dean, and the Chapter of St. Asaph, to the King. Announce their election of Dr. Hen. Glenham to the bishopric, void by death of Dr. George Griffith, and request his approbation thereof. [*Latin, signed by the dean and nine prebendaries.*]

Feb. 7. 19. Lord Ashley to Wm. Wardour. Requests to know on the 18th instant what sums have been paid in for hearth money, from 15th December to 16th February.

Feb. 7. 20. Petition of Margaret, wife of Edw. Marquis of Worcester to the House of Lords, for relief and recommendation of her case to the Lord Chancellor; the Marquis contracted great debts in lending vast sums to the late King, so that though he has paid off 50,000*l.* since the Restoration, the estate is seized by the creditors; it was especially extended by John Hall in March last, for 6,000 borrowed by her husband in 1642 to pay the garrison of Monmouth, and Lord John Somerset, to whom the extent is assigned, threatens to turn her out of Worcester House. With order thereon appointing a commissioner to wait on the King, and represent the sad condition of the Marquis and his lady.

Feb. 7. Warrant for a grant to Robert Hall and Robert Sayer of the office of Collector of Customs at Chichester. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 342.*]

Feb. 7. Privy seal for payment to Anne, widow of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, of 5,600*l.* for moneys laid out by him from 1663–1666 for extraordinaries in his embassy to Spain and Portugal, and for her transportation home. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 342.*]

[Feb. 7.] 21. Draft of the above. *Annexing,*

21. 1. *Bill of expenses incurred by Sir Rich. Fanshaw, ambassador to Portugal, 1663–1666, for which his widow, Anne Fanshaw, craves allowance; total, 6,600*l.* Signed by Lord Arlington and Lady Fanshaw.*

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22. Petition of Lady Anne Fanshaw, widow of the late Lord Ambassador Sir Richard Fanshaw, to the King, for a pension for 30 years from the customs, the unexpected death of her husband leaving his family unprovided for; her husband was His Majesty's first servant in business during the late unnatural wars, and seven years a prisoner after the battle of Worcester, &c. The money appointed for her is 1,000*l.* short of what she hoped for, and will not be paid till November next.

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Pass for the ship *Abigail* from Hamburg to Bilboa, on account of John Alvares, merchant. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 342.]

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Pass for the *Charity* of Hamburg. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 342.]

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23. List by Sa. Hartlip of 18 persons for whom warrants were received, February 5th and 6th, for the landing of French goods.

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Ordinance Office.

24. Edw. Sherburne, Fras. Nicholls, and Geo. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Want a list of the ships to be fitted for the summer expedition, so that they make provision as to the guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Ipswich.

25. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his year's account for the ports of Harwich and Ipswich by the Ipswich coach. No ships have been victualled since his last. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

25. I, II. *Accounts by Andrew Crawley of empty casks, iron hoops and biscuit bags received from 204 ships named, in the port of Ipswich, between January and June, and 218 between July and December 1666. Two papers. [8 pages.]*

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Plymouth.

26. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships. Abstract of disbursements for six named, amounting to 788*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Newcastle.

27. William Blackett, mayor of Newcastle, Mar. Milbank, and Hen. Brabant to the Navy Comrs. Are daily importuned by John Morton for wages due as pilot of John Bowers' ship to Gottenburg; the Trinity House have adjudged 16*l.* to be the sum due. Asks for payment, as he is a very poor man. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Warrant for release of the ship *Pied Cow* of Amsterdam,—which having a licence to bring over prisoners and export English goods, has imported goods, and is therefore seized,—granted because there was no prohibition of import, and because the admirals of Holland permit the same to English ships. [*Ent. Book* 14, p. 120.]

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28. Order in the Court of Exchequer that Sam. Tyrell, merchant, pay the forfeiture of eight pipes of Canary wine, brought in contrary to the Act of Navigation, for which Michael Prescot sues him on the King's behalf.

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29. Query as to what is the fine set on Sam. Tyrell for importing seven or eight pipes of Canary, contrary to proclamation. Endorsed with reply that the jury fined him 22*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* a pipe for six pipes. Directed to Mrs. Scott, at Mr. Daniel's, Haymarket.

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- [Feb. 8.] 30. Petition of Thos. Calton to the King, for pardon, and release on security for good conduct; was committed to the Gatehouse and thence to Derby gaol, as an accomplice in the Yorkshire plot, into which he was drawn, but confessed his guilt to the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire. [*See Council Register.*]
- Feb. 8. 31. Deposition of Rebecca Marshall. Taxed Sir Hugh Middleton on his entering the tiring-house, or behind the scenes in the playhouse, with having spoken ill of the women actors; he was angry, told her she lied, and threatened to kick her; she complained to the King and asked his protection, which he graciously promised; Sir Hugh, hearing this, had her way-laid and attacked by a ruffian, on her way home from the playhouse. Details proofs that the attack was made by instigation of the said Sir Hugh. [2 pages.]
- Feb. 8. 32. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Fears for the coal fleet that sailed for Newcastle, as there was only a fifth-rate frigate for Hull. convoy, and several Dutch vessels were waylaying it. Departure of the Pearl and other ships.
- Feb. 8. 33. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have come in 35 small Newcastle. coasters, mostly laden with corn. A Dutch man-of-war, of 24 guns, fell in with them, but the Portsmouth ketch of 12 guns, and some of the ships that had guns making up to him, he went away.
- Feb. 8. 34. James Hickes to Williamson. Perceives by Mr. Wearden's letter that there are still hopes of Williamson's election [for Preston]. Divers merchants complain of unjust dealing at the foreign [post] office; letters are sent to particular persons, who are reading them on the Exchange, whilst others are denied their letters till one o'clock. It is a great wrong, no better than buying and selling correspondence. Sir Phil. Frowde has often forbidden it, but some bottles of wine or box money go far. If the merchants keep their resolution, this grievance will be heard of from other hands.
- Feb. 8. 35. John Wilkins to James Hickes. An Ostend buss being Southwold. leaky has been forced into Southwold harbour; she was bound for Hull.
- Feb. 8. 36. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Katherine pleasure-boat has Deal. come into the Downs.
- Feb. 8. 37. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sends a letter for the Lords Yarmouth. Comrs. [of Prizes], receiving no answer to his letters to Mr. Lloyd. Several persons upon whom large sums are charged will soon be gone to sea, unless proceeded against. Will lay down his office and not involve himself in public business again, if he may but have his promised proportion out of the moneys he shall bring in.
- Feb. 8. 38. "Advices," being memoranda from letters calendared above.
- Feb. 8. 39. John Clarke to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has Plymouth. come in, in the Defiance, with four other vessels, to convoy the merchantmen who were waiting them.
- Feb. 8. 40. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

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Feb. 8. 41. Owen Lindsey to Williamson. A vessel from Lymington
Dartmouth. laden with salt and hops, bound for Ireland, has been wrecked near
Dartmouth. The Deptford [Dartford?] ketch has come in, having
taken a merchant ship, after a fight of five hours, and only one
man killed and one wounded.

Feb. 8. 42. John Maurice to Williamson. Is sorry he is so abused in
Minehead. his Bridgewater news. There have been no pickeroons in the
Channel since the war began, nor any of the King's frigates for many
months.

Feb. 8. 43. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has delivered his letters to
Plymouth. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, who is staying another day because the
victuallers are not ready.

Feb. 8. 44. Speech of Sir Edw. Turner, speaker of the House of Com-
London. mons, to the King, on presenting for signature the bill for 11 months
assessments, poll bill, bills for rebuilding of London, &c. [*Printed,*
6 pages, imperfect; also printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII.,
pp. 109-110.]

Feb. 8. 45. The King's speech to the Houses of Parliament on passing
the above bills and proroguing the Parliament. [3 pages, holo-
graph.]

Feb. 8. 46. Copy of the above. [*Printed*, 4 pages; also printed in
The Savoy. *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII., p. 111.]

[Feb. 8.] 47. "An Act for erecting a judicature for determination of
differences touching houses burnt or demolished by reason of the
late fire which happened in London." [*Printed*, 6 pages; also
printed in *Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. V., pp. 601-3.]

[Feb. 8.] 48. "An Act for rebuilding the city of London." [*Printed*, 40
pages; also printed in *Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. V., pp. 603-12.]

[Feb. 8.] 49. "An Act for relief of poor prisoners, and setting of them on
work." [*Printed*, 6 pages; also printed in *Statutes of the Realm*
Vol. V., pp. 613-14.]

[Feb. 8.] 50. "An Act extending a former Act concerning replevins and
avowries to the principality of Wales and county palatines."
[*Printed*, 2 pages; also printed in *Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. V.,
p. 614.]

[Feb. 8.] 51. "An Act for redress of inconveniences by want of proof of the
deceases of persons beyond the seas, or absenting themselves, upon
whose lives estates do depend." [*Printed*, 4 pages; also printed in
Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., p. 614.]

[Feb. 8.] 52. "An Act to prevent the disturbances of seamen and others,
and to preserve the stores belonging to His Majesty's Navy Royal."
[*Printed*, 5 pages; also printed in *Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. V.,
p. 615.]

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53. "An Act for granting the sum of 1,256,347*l.* 13*s.* to the King's Majesty, towards the maintenance of the present war." [*Printed, 25 pages; also printed in Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., pp. 616-22.*]

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54. A table of the public and private Acts passed 18th January and 8th February 1666. [*Printed, 2 pages; also printed in Statutes of the Realm, Vol. V., pp. xiv., 622-23.*]

Feb. 9.

Exeter.

55. P. Tracedot to M. Louis Parrant, merchant of London. The pay of the prisoners at 3*d.* a day, up to the last of the month, comes to 856*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, omitting the dead and 54 who have newly arrived. Has paid them about 500*l.*, and 109*l.* 1*s.* for clothes, and ordered 100 pairs of shoes, which will come to 20*l.* The prisoners expect the King of France will send them clothes; they need them, being barefoot, and having none but those that the writer has supplied. "M. le Chevalier" will represent the writer's own trouble about this affair. Wishes he could have money in hand. Thinks that M. Gravier, if informed of his proceedings, would put an article for him in the account he has to give in to M. Colbert. [*French, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 9.

Chester.

56. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Lord Ossory arrived at Chester on Wednesday, and went for Beaumaris; forwarded the letters sent for him to Holyhead; as the wind was favourable, thinks he will now be in Dublin Bay. Lord John [Butler] arrived last night, and is gone towards Holyhead.

Feb. 9.

Deal.

57. Mor. Lodge to Sir Philip Frowde. Gives particulars of Mr. Martin's refusal to send an express at Lodge's request, unless he might know what were the contents of his letter to Sir Wm. Coventry. Endorsed with the names of three witnesses to the truth of the above.

Feb. 9.

Deal Office.

58. Morgan Lodge to [Williamson]. Sends daily lists, noticing the time of the coming and going of the posts. Sent the bad news to his honour and Sir Wm. Coventry, but only received an answer from the latter.

Feb. 9.

Shaston.

59. Hugh Frye to James Hickes. Is sorry to be blamed so much about miscarriage of letters. Thinks the fault lies at Dorchester; has sent to [the postmasters of] Blandford, Dorchester, and Weymouth, to clear themselves before two deputy lieutenants, or they will be proceeded against according to their bonds. Will set a ticket for the delivery of the mail in future.

Feb. 9.

Boston.

60. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.

Feb. 9.

Licence to Abraham Carys, who was dismissed from his residence at Bourdeaux by the French King, to unlade certain articles of merchandise sent over to him as effects of his debts there, on his paying the accustomed duties, notwithstanding the late proclamation forbidding the importation of French commodities. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 121.*]

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Feb. 9. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to discharge Nat. Desborow. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 342.]

Feb. 9.
Rye.

61. Edm. Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped the stores of the St. Andrew on board the Friezland, and requests payment of 11*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, moneys disbursed therefore, and 15*s.* paid for towing the masts aboard and weighing anchors, &c., for which he has no acquittance. Could not have better husbanded the matter if it had been his own, and has reckoned nothing for his pains. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9.
Bridlington.

62. John Bower to Sir Wm. Coventry. Still declines to make any demand for compensation for the services of his galliot boy, which delivered the packet speedily and well. Was willing at first to submit to the Navy Comrs.' terms, although he could have had his own from the mayor of Newcastle. Desires them to put a period to the business, and shall be satisfied with their own terms. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9.
Woolwich.

63. Za. Browne to the Navy Comrs. Has examined Thos. Bower, boatswain of the Assistance, who says he found a drowned body on the Essex side of the Thames. John Wills and John Watts say they went to strip the body, and found the breeches pocket cut open, but could not move it; so they fetched And. Bradley and Rich. Rhodes, and took the clothes, papers, and a seal ring, which they have delivered to the writer. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Deposition of Sam. Baker of Wapping, waterman. Knew the deceased, Capt. Christopher Batters, commander of the Joseph fire-ship, and carried him from Wapping Stairs to his ship about October 1666, with one great chest, some brandy, wine, and a case of waters; and again on 18th December, with one Allen, a fishmonger, Batters having taken a fish dogger. Witnessed a sale of fish between him and Allen, value 10*l.*, and saw the captain and fishmonger drinking in the cabin. Heard the captain say that if he drank any more punch he should tell two shillings for one. Noticed a gold seal ring on his finger the day before his death. Also*

*Deposition of Thos. Lambell, gunner's mate of the Joseph fire-ship. Capt. Batters took a Holland fish dogger and sold 10*l.* worth of fish at Yarmouth. He usually wore a gold seal ring, and had it on his finger when cast away in the Thames. He came from London in a wherry to his ship, half way between London and Gravesend, and returned in it. Knows not whether any fish was put in it, nor whether it was sold or paid for. John Tooker told the deponent soon after that Capt. Batters was cast away and dead. [2 pages.]*

London, 25 March 1667.

63. II. *Deposition of Richard Rhodes, seaman of the Assistance. Went with John Wills, And. Bradley, and John Watts, all lads, to a creek near Woolwich, where a drowned man was said to lie, and thought, by tickets found in the*

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pockets, that it was Capt. Chris. Batters, of the *Joseph* fire-ship. Intended to deliver the tickets to his widow, but was fearful of being charged with taking a sash containing 50*l.*, alleged by a maid servant at Greenwich to have been worn by the deceased. John Wells, John Watts, and others had been to the body before himself, and taken some clothes, but knows not whether anything else. Also,

Depositions of John Watts and John Wills, belonging to the Assistance. Particulars of their visiting the dead body, taking clothes and a gold seal ring, but finding no money. There were steps in the mud near, and the breeches and fob pockets had been previously cut open. The boatswain, Thos. Bower, much opposed Rich. Rhodes' going to the body. [4 pages.] March 26, 1667.

63. III. Deposition of John Wright of Woolwich, waterman. Was engaged by Thos. Bower, boatswain of the Assistance, to carry him from Woolwich to Gallion Reach, to bring up a stray mast belonging to his ship. Heard the boatswain say, in the presence of other watermen at Woolwich, that there was a drowned man on the Essex side, but saw nothing of it. Woolwich, 27 March 1667.

Also,

Deposition of Mary Greene, servant to Capt. Robt. Robinson, of Greenwich. Was asked by two youths the residence of Mrs. Batters, the widow of Capt. Batters, but did not say nor know anything about a sash containing 50*l.*, or any other property, as being about the person of the deceased captain. [2 pages.]

Greenwich, 27 March 1667.

Feb. 9. 64. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There have been 136 oxen and
Portsmouth. 68 hogs slaughtered this week. Victualling of six ships named.
[Adm. Paper.]

Feb. 9. 65. John Badcocke to Sir Wm. Penn. Account of the progress
Bristol. made in a new ship building. Gave the former surveyor notice of discharge, but he would not take it unless confirmed by their honours. Shall take no notice of him, but follow his business, and what defects in the timber or workmanship Mr. Baylie will not remedy, he will. [Adm. Paper.]

Feb. 9. 66. Joseph Wray to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of progress in
Bristol Marsh. the ship building. The carpenter has come down; desires instructions whether to remain or return to London. [Adm. Paper.]

Feb. 9. 67. Thos White to the Navy Comrs. The iron is bought up in
Dover. country towns at 17*l.* per ton, ready money, and the ironmongers will sell none under 21*s.* per cwt., ready money. Entreats them to furnish some from London. The delay of payment makes the chariot wheels drive heavily. Paid the ropemaker all that was due to him, as he would not work without it. A quarterly settlement would encourage all concerned. [Adm. Paper.]

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Feb. 9. 68. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his January accounts
Ipswich. of the receipts and issues of stores. No ships are victualling. They
continue baking biscuit and making casks, and have killed 30 oxen
this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. 69. Walter Dowrick, late muster master, to Sam. Pepys. Begs
an answer to his petition [to the Navy Comrs.], as he is in the
custody of the marshal, under a warrant from his Royal Highness.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. 70. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Hopes Mr. Rycaut
Dover. gives Sir Phil. Frowde an account of the coming in of the mails
from Nieuport. Has news from Brussels that a squadron of English
ships has met 120 Dutch merchantmen, with six men-of-war from
Nantes and Bourdeaux, and has taken and destroyed most of them;
that the peace is concluded between Spain and Portugal; that the
Marquis of Castel Rodrigo has granted letters of reprisal against
the French, and that the Flemish soldiers, for want of pay, stole
60,000 guilders' worth of plate.

Feb. 10. 71. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The men on the Fountain
Portsmouth. and all other ships in harbour have been paid their wages to
1st August last, and can the better keep the seamen aboard, as they
go to receive their money.

Feb. 10. 72. Order for an establishment of a Provost Marshal, with 10
horsemen under his command, to be continued from Feb. 10, 1667,
till further orders; yearly charge 691*l.* 12*s.* Signed by the King,
Duke of Albemarle, and Lord Arlington.

Feb. 10. 73. Sir Nich. Armorer to [Williamson]. Thinks him a right
Madeley. statesman, for he does not keep his word; two posts have arrived
without a syllable from him. Their dear Lord [Ossory] slept at
Chester on Wednesday night [the 6th], and met with more kindness
than was paid to any since his father first went over. Doubts not
but the learned will give an account of the civilities he received at
Oxford, whence Sir Tim. Tyrrell mounted his lordship on his own
horse to Daventry. Lord Bryan had waited there four hours for him,
but doubting his coming, had left; he slept in a good inn, and
went next day to Coventry; there Sir John Rowley met him with
horses, and brought him to Coleshill, that stage not being tolerable
for a coach. At Coleshill Col. Baggott, Lady Falmouth's father,
and Mr. Newdigate met him with a fine coach and six horses, which
brought him to Lichfield. On the borders of Staffordshire he was
met and welcomed by Sir Fras. Lawley, Sir Chas. Adderley, Sir
Bryan Broughton, Mr. Fleetwood, Sir Chas. Ousley, Mr. Withey,
and others of the gentry. Sir Francis had prepared wine, cider, &c.,
in a little alehouse, where his lordship rested, and was then marched
to Lichfield with two coaches and a handsome party of gentry on
horseback. The corporation gave him a noble banquet of better
sweetmeats than are usually found in such corporations, and wine
in plenty; on account of their kindness, he stayed there all night.

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Between 7 and 8 a.m. Sir Chas. Ousley, had prepared a treat for him on the highway, but he did not stay long, a good dinner being bespoken for him by Col. Baggott at Madeley, and he had good cheer, though a woman is the head of the house; she got her son-in-law, Sir Willoughby Ashton, and her son to wait on him. At Nantwich they met noble Capt. Baker, with the badge of his office at his breast; he caused amusement because he had bought a new cap of beaten black satin, to ride bareheaded before my lord 10 miles of the way. Mr. Cholmeley, Mr. Eyton Anderton, and others waited on him into Chester, as they did next day the first stage into Wales, where Sir Roger Mostyn and Major Ewett were ready to attend him to Holyhead, whence these easterly winds will have landed him in Dublin. He was troubled that his brother did not follow him, because his father and mother will be displeased, and will not trust him out of sight till his conduct is better. Hopes Williamson will read this long letter in his garret, when all serious business is laid aside; knows that he will be pleased with all that is good and kind about this worthiest of all young men. Asks him to let Lady Ossory know that her husband was so far well and safe. Wishes Williamson were with him to dance with the maids in the hall, but those that will be rich cannot be so happy as those that travel with the gipsies. [4 pages.]

Feb. 11. 74. "Extracts," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one from Deal, February 9, that the Garland has sailed and only the Centurion is in the Downs.

Feb. 11. 75. Fras. Pye to Sir Philip Frowde. Recounts the manner in
Morpeth. which he discharges his office. Always has a horse ready to convey the mails; never detains the Edinburgh mail, but that stage is the longest and worst in the road, and during the late storm, could not be passed without danger; the mail generally arrives in the night, which causes some delay. The mail from the North stays some 24 hours at Newcastle, and Lord Widdrington has ordered the writer to stay that mail half an hour for his letters, which is a public advantage. No postmaster in all the road can be more faithful. Endorsed, "The complaint was of the Edinburgh bag downwards, which his boy had delivered open and torn, to the next stage, which this letter gives no account of."

Feb. 11. 76. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Could only find a few oranges
Post Office, on board three Ostenders, but sends them to him as a present,
Deal. knowing they are scarce in London.

Feb. 11. 77. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Mr. Watts has gone to find a cor-
Dover. respondent at Rumney. Hopes Williamson will receive the casks of ale sent him by himself and Mr. Watts. A messenger has arrived from France, with expresses from the French King and our Queen-Mother. The news of the St. Patrick is too true; the captain, who was a fighting man, is killed. It is reported that some of our ships have met 20 sail of Dutch vessels from Bourdeaux, off Plymouth.

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Feb. 11. 78. Certificate by William Goulden and five others of the ship *Henrietta*, that they were with Lieut. John Boulter at the house of George Hicks in the Armitage at Whitechapel, to try to obtain men for the ship without violence or pressing, when they were attacked by 40 or 50 men armed with swords and clubs, in which encounter the lieutenant received a mortal wound, and died five days after. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 11. 79. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Rye. Departure of vessels containing the stores of the *St. Andrew*, convoyed by the *Monmouth* and *Friezland*. Hopes they will arrive in London shortly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. 80. Capt. John Pearce, of the *Elias* prize, to the Navy Comrs. Harwich. Is in great want of men to splice the rigging, &c. Sends particulars of repairs of the ship. Wants an order to Mr. Newby, of the ordnance at Harwich, for a supply of additional guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. 81. Navy Comrs. to Mr. Boreman. The account of the damage Navy Office. done by the *Marmaduke* to his two lighters is imperfect. When they obtain information on oath, and know the damage sustained, will satisfy him as to compensation. With foot note that a bill was passed August 3, 1667, for 20*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

81. I., II. *Two affidavits of John Allen and John Norwood, lightermen, employed to carry ballast to the Marmaduke, January 1666, that she ran foul of them and staved them, losing three weeks' time to both lighters and men. They estimate the damage at 19*l.* for one and 15*l.* for the other lighter.*

Feb. 12. 82. Edw. Ridgway, purser, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a bill of imprest to satisfy the short allowance of seamen belonging to the *Victory*, as he is daily threatened, and cannot dispatch other concerns with safety. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. 83. List of 43 shipwrights sent from Deptford to Sheerness in Deptford. June 1666, being pricked on June 15, 16, 28, and 29. Signed by Thos. Cowley. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. 84. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The 27th instant is ap- Plymouth. pointed for sale of the whale oils, the ships, and other prize goods. Never heard of an order to retain 50 tuns of the oil for the use of the navy, so all will be sold, unless one is sent. The *Notre Dame de Carmis*, represented as fit for a fire-ship, is also to be sold. Hopes they will not forget him with regard to money. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne with his squadron is still in port, and the *Tangiers* ships, some of which have been supplied with small stores. Rear-Admiral Utber requests sails to be got ready for the *Rupert*, which cannot be done unless an order is received for the 21 bales aboard the *St. Malo* prize. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- Feb. 12. 85. Wm. Blackett, mayor of Newcastle, to the Navy Comrs.
Newcastle. Thanks them for their order to Capt. Ball for discharge of Rich. Kelsay, which he takes as a singular favour. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 12. 86. Capt. Fra. Willshaw, of the Antelope, to the Navy Comrs.
Portsmouth Harbour. Wants a master appointed and sent down. Mr. Bowry, the former master, was discharged, being incapable to perform the voyage to Gottenburg; and the midshipman sent on board as master by Capt. Robinson, commander-in-chief, is weak in navigation and very idle, not having come on board since the ship came into port. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 12. 87. Receipt by N. Holt for masts and timber from Scotland,
Chatham. received into the stores from the Milkmaid. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 12. Warrant to Bradley, to apprehend [Rob.] Paulett. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 343.]
- Feb. 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Edward East,
Whitehall. the King's watchmaker, for allowances for mending and scouring His Majesty's clocks and watches, recommending him on account of the punctuality of his service. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 241.*]
- Feb. 12. Levant Company to Mat. Lister. On his request for dismissal
London. from office as consul, send Hen. Bowyer to succeed him, to whom he is to give such assistance as he can, for his introduction. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p. 166.*]
- Feb. 12. 88. [H. Muddiman] to Sir Edw. Stradling, St. Donat's Castle,
Whitehall. Glamorganshire. News-letter. Four Dutch pickeroons were seen off Scarborough, but took only one buss. Capture of a French merchant ship by the Deptford ketch, &c.. The French King continues his rigour to the Protestants, has taken several of their churches, and made it death for any one to seem protestant. Though the French still arm at Toulon, and continue their embargo, they give out in the Straits that all matters are adjusted between them and the English, but their fair pretences do not deceive the merchants, and privateers of Tangiers are still taking French vessels. Prince [Rupert] has so much amended since the trepanning that the surgeons think it will not be needful for his head to be again opened. Our men-of-war are said to have taken some Bourdeaux ships. [*2½ pages.*]
- Feb. 12? 89. [James Hickes to Williamson.] Has written fully himself,
and so has Sir Phil. Frowde, to Prestwood of Ipswich, blaming him for keeping express letters and packets, and the mail on Sunday nights. If Capt. Carr of Portsmouth has not the scheme of roads and stages ready, he should be reproved for delay. Is injured by severe attention to business and taking no recreation.
- Feb. 12. 90. Willm. Prestwood to James Hickes. Does not detain ex-
Ipswich. presses or letters, as reported, except long enough to get the boy ready, and feed and saddle the horse. On Sunday nights, in Col. Bishop's time, the mail was kept at Colchester; since then, has kept it at Ipswich, till ordered to send it on; wishes it could come earlier, as the people at Woodbridge and Wickham are very loath to

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be disturbed at that time of night. The mail is hindered on Saturday night at Colchester, Witham, and Brentwood. Hires a man to fetch the Diss letters and meet him on the road with them. Keeps as good horses and as pretty boys to perform the business as any postmaster in England, and asks who has informed against him. Begs a letter sending to a person at Newmarket, who has offered 20 pieces of old gold for one of his post horses. Will not take less than 25. [2 pages.]

Feb. 12. 91. Statement by Wm. Leving, that in Feb. 1665, Hen. North, intelligencer to the Duke of Buckingham, refused to help to take certain persons, saying that the Duke only got intelligence to know how likely the fanatics were to do anything for themselves; that his Grace said the King would have done well to establish the Presbyterian way, without bishops and common prayer, and bade North assure the trusty fanatics that he would appear for them on opportunity. Soon after this, North betrayed him (Leving) to the fanatics, and declared what is above written to them.

Feb. 12. 92. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Has procured him Stephen Terry as a correspondent at Lydd, being nearer Dungeness than New Deal. Rumney. Told Terry that he would have a private letter of intelligence, and a gazette or two free, weekly, which would bring much custom to his tavern; bade him write to the purpose, and not complimentally. He says many French sloops lie in a creek near Dungeness; the nearest post house is Ovry, seven or eight miles off. There are 12 outward bound merchant ships in the Downs.

Feb. 12. 93. Jo. Dallett to Williamson. Capt. Canning, of the Penelope Rye. privateer, has chased two great ships, and tried to board one, but the sea being high, and the wind fresh, he lost his bowsprit, and was obliged to return. He sent in two French fishermen.

Feb. 13. 94. War. Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Capt. Holmes of the Lenox has brought in a Dutch fly-boat, after five hours' chase. The Dover. day before he attacked another Dutch fly boat, but she was rescued by a man-of-war; he also ran ashore a French dogger, and fired her.

Feb. 13. 95. "Extracts," being notes from news-letters as follow:—
Sunderland, Feb. 7: A fleet of 60 colliers coming from Newcastle to Sunderland was disturbed by a caper off Flamborough, which took one old ship.

Portsmouth, Feb. 12: The captain of the fire-ship who deserted the St. Patrick is to be tried by a council of war, on board Capt. Robinson, at Spithead.

Plymouth, Feb. 10: The prize taken by the Deptford ketch has come in; a Plymouth vessel of 200 tons was cast away near Dartmouth.

Aldborough, Feb. 11: An English man-of-war and three vessels have passed Aldborough.

Yarmouth, Feb. 11: The Victory has left, with 30 or 40 light colliers, seven bound for the North Seas, and three for Iceland, to fish; 12 more are fitting for the voyage.

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Edinburgh, Feb. 7 : A Dutch ship, laden with hops and madder, has been cast away on the west of Scotland ; two men saved, but none of the goods.

Harwich, Feb. 12 : The Speedwell and the three Dutch prisoners' ships have sailed. A French shallop chased a timber hoy to shore at Woodbridge. The Guernsey is about the Sledway, ready to convoy colliers to Newcastle.

Newcastle, Feb. 9 : The colliers have sailed with the Eagle and Roebuck.

Feb. 13. 96. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has missed receipt of three letters since Christmas, but it is not through the miscarriage of the postmaster of Weymouth, who is very careful. The letter which should have come on the 2nd did not come till the 6th, but since then Fry has been exact in writing on the back of his letters. A Spanish vessel from Bilboa, laden with logwood for London, met many outward bound Dutch merchantmen in the Channel. With note [by Hickes to Williamson] requesting that letter to be kept as an evidence against that imperious person, Fry of Shaftesbury.

Feb. 13. Privy seal for 1,277,500*l.*, wages of 35,000 seamen, to be employed for five years for the Navy. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 343.*]

Feb. 13. Privy seal for 20 tuns of French and Spanish wine, for the Baron D'Isola, envoy from the Emperor. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 343.*]

Feb. 13. Pass for the Charity of Dublin, with salt, brandy, cordage, &c., from St. Sebastian's to New England, on the account of Valentine Morgan. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 343.*]

Feb. ? 97. Petition of Christopher Barker, King's printer, to the King, for permission to import 1,000 bales of paper from France, the present impediment of trade with that country causing a great scarcity of paper.

Feb. ? 98. Petition of Christopher Barker, King's printer, to the King, for leave to import 1,000 bales of paper, for carrying on His Majesty's business, having lost large quantities by the late fire, and the present scarcity rendering paper so dear.

Feb. 13. Licence for Mr. Barker to import 1,000 bales of paper. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 343.*]

Feb. 13. Warrant to — Dickson to apprehend Henry North, a scrivener, and all his papers. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 352.*]
Annexing,

99. I. *L. N—— to Hen. North, Gainsborough. Wishes to hear from him ; will send him a horse if he be not provided.*
[*Imperfect.*] *Dec. 20, 1666.*

99. II. *Fras. Childers to Henry North, Gainsborough. Details of his health. Begs another supply of the elixir, for which he sends millions of thanks.*
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Feb. 13. Grant to John, son and heir of Sir Thos. Malet deceased, of certain manors and lands in cos, Devon and Somerset, granted to the late King by Arthur Malet, to be re-granted on payment of 100*l.*, which was done on a late grant thereof to the said Sir Thomas. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 13. 100. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Made the journeys into Ludlow. Montgomeryshire and Shropshire to see Lord Herbert of Chirbury's Woods; delivered his lordship's letter to Mr. Browne who accompanied him to the woods, and had directions as to the land and water carriage, &c. Reports the quantity of timber in Limer, Montgomeryshire, and King's Wood, Shropshire, and the prices of felling, squaring, and carriage. Desires all possible speed may be used in deciding, so that the season may not be lost. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 13. 101. Robert Bradshaw, collector of customs, to Richard Lord Chichester. Byron, Old Palace Yard, Westminster. Wants a warrant from the King or the Duke of York to seize goods embezzled, or suspected to be so, from His Majesty's stores or ships, and also an assurance of reward for his services, from the goods stayed, or fines on offenders. Knows it is his duty to do his best without hire, but having suffered deeply without recompense in past services, is forced to propose some reward for the future. Has seized several articles named, but for want of a warrant, has put them in the Exchequer as forfeited, where the King will have one moiety of the appraised value, and himself the other; this crime meriting great punishment, desires to bring the offender on the stage, and to restore the goods to the King's use. The peccant is one who receives an annual pension for some previous good service, but is a great knave. Thinks his pension, or at least a good part of it, might be got from him. The writer's employment along the sea coast and in the ports, and his residence near Portsmouth give great capacities for serving, if authorized by the warrant asked for. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. 102. Sir J. Robinson, Lieut. of the Tower, to the Navy Comrs. Tower. Received and sent out, by the Duke of York's command, upwards of 3,000 pressed men during the last summer, and disbursed in press money and dieting 82*l.* 12*s.*, of which he desires payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. 103. Receipt by W. Acworth, for masts and cordage from Scotland into the stores at Woolwich, from the Franakin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. 104. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. The Earl of Edinburgh. Crawford has been twice to his chamber respecting the stray masts. Whatever their honours conclude with his agent at court, his lordship will stand to, but cannot transport or incur the risk of sending them to London. Has been so ill that he expected his life and 28 years' apprenticeship of duty and loyalty to the service would end every hour. Understands the captain delivered to Sir

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Geo. Carteret and Sir Wm. Batten only nine chaldron of coals, but the boatswain gave his ticket for 16; inquiries should be made. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.] *Encloses*,

104. I. *Account by the Earl of Crawford of a quantity of masts, amounting in the whole to 65.*

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Plymouth

105. Sir John Knight to Sam Pepys. Details his difficulties in getting payment of his bill of exchange for moneys expended in fitting the *George* and *Pearl*, frigates of Bristol, in 1665; 100*l.* is still due for the one, and 356*l.* 8*s.* for the other, of which he begs payment; 900*l.* is due to the owners of the *Pearl*, for services rendered; they threaten to arrest him as soon as his privilege is over, and commence a suit at law against him for the amount; hopes their honours will prevent it by an order on Sir George Carteret to pay the money. Has delivered to his son, by the Commissioners' order, the pitch on board the *Hope* prize of Amsterdam, amounting to 48 tons 14 cwt.; he had to dig it out of the ship, and buy 80 tons of casks to put it in, at a charge of 80*l.* [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

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Whitehall.

106. Hen. Muddiman to George Powell, comptroller of Pembroke. News-letter. On the 8th, the House of Commons decided for Sir John Coventry, in a double election for Weymouth, and were going to a conference about Lord Mordaunt when the King prorogued them to October 10. The embargo is very severe in France, and all the carpenters near are sent into Brest to hasten the fleet, which will be ready in April. The judges are to go the circuits single, the rest staying to settle the affairs of London. There is much cause to fear that Antigua, Tobago, and St. Eustache are taken, there being but a slender force to make resistance. Foreign news: The States General have anticipated their revenue to 1668, and are well inclined to an honourable peace. They will not disband their militia, as not too much crediting the assurances of the French. The Earl of St. Alban's has arrived in France, and has sent over a messenger, who has returned. The King has had a letter from the States of Holland, but the contents are kept private. A Swedish ship reports that great men-of-war are still unrigged in the French harbours, but many of their smallest men-of-war out at sea.

The plague has broken out again at Newport, Isle of Wight. A hundred colliers have sailed from Newcastle. Those coasts have been little damaged by Dutch privateers since the King's frigates frequented them. A Glasgow vessel meeting a strong Dutch man-of-war, with which she could not grapple, hid her 30 men in her hold; the Dutchman took her, put 22 men on board, and left her in order to attack an English vessel, when the men came out, seized the Dutch, and brought the vessel safe to port. Prince Rupert shows such good signs of amendment that the trepanning will be applied no more. It is said that the *St. Patrick* is retaken by the *Adventure* of Bristol. There are great hopes of a peace, the place and commissioners for a treaty being already designed. With some particulars given in the news-letter of February 12. [3 pages.]

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Feb. 14. 107. Pass from Lord Admiral the Duke of York for the ship
Whiteball. Fortune, to come from Dunkirk or Calais laden with ballast only,
and take back French prisoners on exchange, and a lading of such
goods as are not prohibited.

Feb. 14. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Cuthbert
Morley to have his title to certain lands purchased in Yorkshire.
The King is unwilling to countenance any unreasonable vexations
against him, because of his constant loyalty and great sufferings in
the royal cause [*Ent. Book 18, p. 241.*]

Feb. 14. 108. Warrant to Lord Robartes, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal,
Westminster. to issue letters to pass to Thos. Lord Colepeper, governor of the
Isle of Wight, 118*l.* 4*s.* imprest towards building a shallop, 40 ft.
by 9, and a ferry-boat, 50 ft. by 11, according to an estimate
returned by the Navy Comrs. to the Council.

Feb. 14. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer for Michael Brighthouse to have
the first under searcher's place in the port of London that shall
become vacant. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 122.*]

Feb. 14. Warrant for payment of the arrears of Lord Gerard of Brandon's
pension of 1,000*l.* a year as gentleman of the bedchamber, and for
its regular payment in future, in spite of the order for suspending
pensions; with note of a similar order for Lord Mandeville, Feb. 16.
[*Ent. Book 14, p. 127.*]

Feb. 14. Warrant to pay from the excise 5,776*l.* to Sir James Bunce,
being a debt due to him from the King. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 14. Levant Company to Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, on board the
London. Defiance, Plymouth. Are troubled that their ships bound for
Turkey were so long detained in the river, but they are now in the
Downs, hastening to him; beg him to wait for them and convoy
them safely. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p. 166.*]

Feb. 14. Levant Company to Capt. Partridge and four other Captains of
London. their vessels. Hope that, being now in the Downs, they will hasten
to the convoy at Plymouth, lest it depart without them. If any
ships are not yet come into the Downs, they are to go without them
rather than lose the convoy. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p. 167.*]

Feb. 14. 109. Ja. Robinson to Lord Arlington. His friends in Flanders are
Strand. all agreed, and have found means to gain satisfaction for the interested,
but it must be done speedily, before the nights become shorter;
they want a commission by sea and land, and advice how to divide
their conquests. Told them that his authority under the broad
seal would suffice; that for the conquests, the adventurers should, he
thought, have a third for charges and a third for themselves, and
the other third should be for the interested. Begs a commission
to his friends by water and land, to recover the depredations
done him in contempt of the King's broad seal, and money to
carry over 50 or 60 friends to give courage and conduct to those

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there. Begs favour in a petition presented to Council on another subject, which will bring great honour to the King and happiness to the subject, and will be rather a discharge than a charge to His Majesty.

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Friday.

1. Mary Scott to Williamson. Asks if Lord Arlington has spoken to the King for her. Is compelled, by pressing wants, to be troublesome. Endorsed "L. Mulgrave."

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Whitehall.

2. Warrant for a grant to Mary Scott of 68*l.* 11*s.*, being the King's moiety of the fine to be paid by Sam. Tyrrell, merchant, for importing eight pipes of Canary wine contrary to the Act of Navigation.

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3. "Advices," being notes from a letter calendared above; also from others, as follow:—

Swansea, Feb. 11: The coasts are free from enemies. Hen. Mansell's small frigate, the *Revenge*, is finished, and has sailed for Milford.

Plymouth, Feb. 12: Rear-Admiral Kempthorne and his squadron wait a wind; Capt. Utbert and his squadron will accompany them to the Soundings; several capers lie in the way to intercept them. The ships that left for the Straits have reached their several ports.

Berwick, Feb. 10: A caper chased a vessel laden with corn to shore 10 miles southward, where she was secured by the Sheriff of Northumberland.

Portsmouth, Feb. 14: Three frigates are gone to convoy some merchantmen to the Downs; the *Sovereign* and all serviceable ships are ordered to be equipped; the *Sweepstakes* has come in from Lisbon.

Falmouth, Feb. 10: A caper has carried three English prizes into St. Martin's. An *Ostender* has carried fish away to Bilboa for a market. A privateer has taken a pretended *Ostender* laden with iron and wool from Bilboa, which will prove good prize; the captain is secured for seizing plate, saffron, and cochineal found in the cabin. A small boat has been taken going to Scilly.

Pendennis, Feb. 11: An *Ostender* has arrived laden with salt, and a *Hamburger* to lade fish. The *Have-at-all*, a privateer, has arrived.

Newcastle, Feb. 12: 40 small ships have arrived, and more are expected.

Minehead, Feb. 12: Two barks of Minehead have come in from Ireland, after being forced by ill weather into Padstow and St. Ives.

Southwold, Feb. 13: Account of ships seen. [3 pages.]

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Feb. 15. The King to Visct. Molineux, governor of Liverpool Castle, Sir Roger Bradshaw, Sir G. Shakerley, and Col. Kirkby. The said castle being now unfit to be used as a place of strength, they are to give orders to workmen so far to demolish the out walls as to render it untenable, and the materials are to be preserved till further orders. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 344.*]

[Feb. 15.] 4. Draft of the above.

Feb. 15. Grant to Lord Molineux of the stones and other materials belonging to Liverpool Castle. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 344.*]

Feb. ? 5. Petition of Robt. Pawlett to Lord Arlington, for discharge from the messenger in whose custody he now is, for printing a list of the judges intended for the next circuit, which he did not knowing it was a misdemeanor.

Feb. 15. Warrant for discharge of Robert Pawlett. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 352.*]

Feb. 15. Warrant to the Earl of Ancram to preserve the game within 12 miles of Cliefden and Whiteplace, co. Bucks. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 356.*]

Feb. 15. Warrant to pay to Lord Colepeper, governor of the Isle of Wight, 118*l.* 4*s.* for building a shallop and providing a ferry boat and four flags for the service of the island. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 15. Warrant to pay to Dame Anne, widow and executrix of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, 5,600*l.*, expended in extraordinaries during his embassy in Spain and Portugal, and in transportation of his lady and family from Spain. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 15. 6. John Thomson to his son John Drysdale, prisoner at Susbay. Rotterdam. Has done all that is possible for his release. Sam. Kerr (or Carr), the surgeon, will give such money as he needs to release and carry him to Scotland; advises him to go thither to see his mother. Is sorry to hear that he lies in prison, and in great misery. Has written to him before, but got no answer.

Feb. 15. 7. Note of the above and of another letter from Mary Berkley, Rotterdam, to Jas. Robertson and And. Henderson, Scotchmen, requesting them to send her authority to receive money to send to them, and to forward their letters to Mr. Carr of Colchester.

Feb. 15. 8. Petition of Mary Countess of Falmouth to the King, for Whitehall. insertion into her grant of the mortgage of Doles, co. Hants, escheated by the late Edm. Ludlow, certain particulars of lands therein contained, which she has only lately ascertained, the writings being in the hands of Chas. Pawlet, mortgagor and executor. [*See Feb. 22, 1667.*] *Annexing,*

8. 1. *Form of the previous warrant for a grant to her of the manor of Doles, part of the forest of Chute, late mort-*

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gaged by Chas. Pawlet of Woodhouse, co. Hants, to Edm. Ludlow, of Kingston Deverell, co. Wilts, attainted of high treason. [1½ pages.]

Feb. 15. 9. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Thanks for his willingness to oblige him. Has some dowlas, &c., at Morlaix, which was laden for England, but unladen by reason of the proclamation. Has ordered his factor to freight another vessel, for which a pass will be needed, and the factor hopes for one from the French King to send back English manufactures. Has some canvas at St. Malo's, which cannot come because of the prohibition to export canvas. Hopes the French King will buy it. Has no interest with any of those of Totness who had a prejudice against Williamson, but only with his son-in-law Mr. Andrews and Mr. Tillird. Has been distant with Thos. Brooking and Sam. Justing ever since they were enemies to Mr. Comptroller when he was chosen burgess.

Feb. ? 10. Petition of Christopher Maynard to the King, for a passport to import and unlade canvas and Noyals, fit for the Navy, and now lying at St. Malo's, having lost much through the prohibition of trade with France.

Feb. 15. 11. Certificate by Edw. Sherburne and Ri. March, that the Ordnance Office. Endeavour of York, John Williamson master, cost him 1,410*l.*, as he alleges, and was pressed July 31, 1666, to load ordnance and war stores, follow the fleet, and attend the orders of Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, in which service she was taken by the Dutch, September 19, and ordnance stores, value 1,950*l.*, were also lost.

Feb. 15. 12. Capt. Bernard Ludman to the Navy Comrs. Being ordered The Swallow, to sail with the Ruby, followed her, but she had gone, and knows Hope. not where she is. Wants carpenter and boatswain's stores. The boats are employed in pressing men, as 40 are wanted to complete the complement. Applied to Sir Wm. Coventry for necessities, and was referred to the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 15. 13. Edw. Sherburne and Fras. Nicholls to the Navy Comrs. Ordnance Office. William Tooker, of the Elias prize, has attended several days for stores, but no account has been received from the builder at Harwich as to the guns she is to carry. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 15. 14. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Account of ships in Plymouth. harbour. Hears that his accounts are objected to; has charged nothing but on vouchers, but will obey directions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 15. John Badcock, carpenter, to Sir W. Penn. Account of Bristol. progress in the new ship building by Mr. Baylie. Timber cannot come in because of the bad weather. Mr. Fusard [Furzer?] is expected to survey what was done in the former surveyor's time. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 16. 16. Wm. Sandwell, master of the *Lamb*, to the Navy Comrs
Woolwich. Account of the condition of his ship and of stores, &c., required
Cannot unload any more until some ballast promised is received
[*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 17. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships are victualled nor
Ipswich. come into port since his last; brewing, baking, cask making, &c.,
continue. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 18. B. St. Michel to the Navy Comrs. Report of the muster of
five ships named, lying between Deptford and Gravesend ready for
sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 19. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Six oxen and 110 hogs have been
Portsmouth. slaughtered. Victualling of two ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 20. Certificate by H. Salesbury, John Tinker, and Robert Giles,
Portsmouth. that the 87 bolts of West country canvas delivered into the stores
December 18 contained 3,239 yards, not so good as the pattern
agreed on by 2*d* per yard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 21. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Sends him two char pies by
Rydal. this week's Kendal carrier.

Feb. 16. 22. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. Having no tidings from
Saturday. him, hastens home from company that it would almost break a
Col. Bagott's, stateman's heart to part with; will meet him at dinner on Tuesday
Pipehall. at Barnet. Wants to see him for reasons as plentiful as blackberries.
Sends a letter for Watt.

Feb. 16. 23. [Wm. Wardour] to Lord Ashley. States the sums received
from the several counties for hearth-money, from Dec 15 to Feb. 16;
total, 720*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

Feb. 16. Warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret, treasurer of the Navy,
425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for providing victuals for 35,000 men for a year.
[*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. The King to [the Farmers of Customs?]. Recommends Thomas
Whitehall. Neville, comptroller of the petty customs in the port of London, to be
the collector of the duty of 12*d.* a chaldron on coals, imposed the
last session of Parliament. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 39.*]

Feb. 16. Warrant for a grant to Gabriel Sylvius of the estate of Francis
Tryan, deceased, devolved to the Crown for want of heirs, although
taken possession of by others, under colour of a will without
witnesses to it. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 364.*]

Feb. 16. Warrant for Roger Martin, of Longford, in the county of Norfolk
to be baronet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 364.*]

Feb. 17. 24. Account of sums due [from the Navy Comrs.] to Chris. Brounker,
giving the dates of his bills, the dates when they were signed, and
their several amounts, since January 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 17. 25. Capt. Rob. Robinson to Thos. Hayter. Sends his purser with tickets for several ships named to be signed. The men are very quiet, but advises the signing of the tickets speedily, or they will not remain so. The books should be kept all alike, or it may be of ill consequence. A court-martial is to sit on Monday for the trial of Selby and the other fire-ship captains. Wishes they "had not come to it, so the St. Patrick were in England, but now let them suffer." Money is there to pay, but the tickets cannot be got from London; it is much the seamen are so contented. Will send in his bill for rigging. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. 26. Capt. Thos. Legatt to the Navy Comrs. Sent for the two hogsheads of vinegar and the oil, as ordered, but the victualler's agent said he had only orders for the vinegar; begs a further order; shall be ready to sail this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 18. 27. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has ordered the vessels to sail from Stockwith with the timber, and sends accounts and bills of lading. Understands they will allow Mr. Lester 4s. a ton, at 40 feet to the ton, he being at all charges; particulars of transactions in payment for carriage. There are only two vessels in which timber could be carried to Hull, and they can only take 10 tons each; could procure one from Lord Byron, which would carry 16 tons, but the floating timber would be too dangerous; a vessel might be built for the carriage at 40s. a ton. The charge for carriage of timber from Stockwith to Hull is 3s. a ton, being the sum paid by the lead merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

27. I., II. *Accounts of timber shipped on board the Blackdog and Adam and Eve hoys at Stockwith, by William Skinner and John Huntington, masters, and delivered by them into the stores at Woolwich. Feb. 13, 1667.*

Feb. 18. 28. William Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Has wrought day and night to dispatch the Pearl and Hampshire. Has sent his bill for the amounts, viz., 112*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* and 114*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, and begs payment. One captain, more forward than wise, left him and his bill unsigned; asks whether to send them the bill or not. Has no salary; there are no stores nor treasurer appointed there, and if he have to wait long for his money, paying use for it, it takes away all his wages. Was promised by his Highness when at Hull a reward for his services. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 18. 29. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Is going to Penbury, where a Dutch vessel is cast away, and it is reported that 500 hogsheads of wines are saved.

Feb. 18. 30. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Feb. 18. 31. Michael Mesey to Mr. Cowell, Lynn. Has shipped for him seven chests of Dutch paving tiles, freight 5*s.* 6*d.* a chest, which is high, but the commodity is brittle, and the master promises special care. The tiles are for Lord Arlington.

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Feb. 18. Warrant to Sir John Skelton, and the Customs' Officers at Plymouth to seize the goods of a certain pretended Ostender from Morlaix. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 355.*]

[Feb. 18.] 32. Statement by the Earl of Carlingford, that he employed 5,000*l.* as envoy extraordinary to the Emperor and several princes in Germany; that he only received 2,450*l.*, and begs an order for the overplus.

Feb. 18. Privy seal for 2,480*l.* to Lord Carlingford, being the balance due to him as envoy extraordinary to the Emperor and other princes of Germany. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 363.*]

Feb. 18. Warrant to William Hassey, of Anvill, co. Berks, to preserve the game within eight miles of his house. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 125.*]

Feb. 18. 33. Petition of John Bubb, prisoner at Bedford gaol, to the Whitehall. King for a pardon. Was reprieved from his fatal sentence 12 months ago, since which he has suffered as much misery as so doleful a place could be capable to inflict, and is likely to perish. With reference thereon to Justice Sir Wm. Morton, who sat on the trial, and his report, March 21, 1667, that Bubb was justly convicted of manslaughter on the statute of stabbing, which takes away the benefit of clergy, but that he is very penitent, gives hopes of amendment of life, this being his first offence, and is therefore a fit person for mercy. *Annexing,*

33. I. *Petition of John Bubb, prisoner in Bedford Gaol, to Sir Wm. Morton, judge of assize for Bedfordshire. Acknowledges the justice of the sentence of death pronounced against him at the assize at Leighton, for his heinous fact, and the King's mercy in reprieving him; begs mediation to obtain pardon and release from prison, where he has long remained in a calamitous condition.*

Feb. 18. Entry of the preceding reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 242.*]

Feb. 18. Recommendation to the Lord Treasurer of Mrs. Grey's petition. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 242.*]

Feb. 19. Warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret, treasurer of the navy, 1,277,500*l.*, for wages and wear and tear of 35,000 men for a year. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 19. Warrant for delivery of 15 tuns of Spanish wines, custom free, to the Conde de Molina, Spanish ambassador. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 19. Warrant for delivery of 20 tuns of French and Spanish wines, custom free, to the Baron D'Isola, envoy from the Emperor of Germany. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 19. Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe to pay to the Royal tradesmen and servants 9,958*l.* 8*s.* 1*½d.*, for work done for the stables, from Lady Day 1664 to Michaelmas following. [*Docquet.*]

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- Feb. 19. 34. Earl of Ossory to Williamson. Thanks for his kindness when in London, and his three packets received since; will always seek his friendship.
- Feb. 19. 35. Sir John Skelton and four other Sub-Commissioners of Plymouth. Prizes to the Navy Comrs. Being ordered to give notice of naval provisions arriving, report that 20 or 30 ballots of Noyals sailcloth are on board the prize *Leifde*, or *Charity* of Stralsund, bound from St. Malo for Ostend. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 19. 36. Affidavit by Thos. Woodgate, muster master, taken before Wm. Child, master in Chancery, that he mustered 28 ships named, and delivered 14 poll books and 17 muster books on the days mentioned, between May 3rd and November 8th, 1666, and that his business was obstructed for want of boats to go aboard, and the pursers' absence from their ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 19. 37. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Returns amended accounts, Plymouth. and regrets the mistake. Is very ready to have his proceedings inspected; has often struck off a third of the demands made. The *Adventure* will be ready to-morrow. The masts sent are ill-conditioned and unfit for the service, but the *Victory* has taken the best. Thanks them for appearing in his favour before his Royal Highness, though the relief granted is very small and inadequate. Knows not what to do till the poll money comes in. Departure of the southward-bound ships with Rear-Admirals Kempthorne and Utber, and arrival of the great Dutch ship of 32 guns from Scilly; cannot see into her hold, as she is laden. Requests the discharge of Mr. Woolley's cordage. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 20. 38. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. His great privations for Bristol. money, from buying such large quantities of timber and plank; have forced him to draw a bill for 300*l.*; desires payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 20. 39. Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Navy Comrs. Is compelled to re- The Elizabeth, main on board to keep the men; desires their payment to enable Erith. him to sail, as the season spends apace; also an order for iron-bound water casks, and some salt, in case their passage should prove long. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 20. Warrant to Col. Middleton, Navy Comr. at Portsmouth, to deliver 595 hammocks, kettles, deals, and other stores, to Lord Willoughby, for transportation to Barbadoes of soldiers under his command. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 407.*]
- Feb. 20. 40. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A Barbadoes-man, belonging Falmouth. to Southampton, was taken by two French pickeroons, after fighting so long that 10 of her 26 men were killed; 13 others were put on shore at Land's End, but the master and two more were carried away; departure of a Riga and Swedish ship for France; 25 sail of the merchant fleet bound for the southward have come in from Plymouth; the rest are at sea, and must either come in or put back for Plymouth.
- Feb. 20. 41. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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42. [H. Muddiman] to Geo. Powell, comptroller, Pembroke. News letter. The Commissioners for the treaty with Holland are Lord Holles and Hen. Coventry, late envoy to Sweden, with Sec. Morice's son as their secretary, and the place is the Hague.

A Holland pickeroon forced a small Boston vessel into Boston Deeps; seven more Yarmouth vessels have arrived at Leghorn, and one from the Thames, laden with cloth.

Those of Algiers still continue civil to the English; the embargo continues in the Levant. The nobility of Poland are startled because Lubomirski is said to have died from poison. The States are surprised at receipt of the King's letter, De Witt and his party having so imposed on them, and can scarcely believe that the Hague is intended for the place of treaty. The St. Patrick is carried into Flushing, the captain and lieutenant much wounded. A caper has taken three prizes, one of Plymouth and two of Bristol, and carried them into Cadiz; the Pembroke, being there at anchor, set sail in quest of the caper. There was a report that the sea had broken in on the Newcastle collieries, and irrecoverably drowned most of them, but it proves a juggle of the coal-sellers to keep up their excessive rates. Mr. Roper and Sir Peter Wyche have returned from their mission to compliment the King of Portugal on his match; that King enquired the reason why the mode of their clothes was so changed from what the English had worn there before; they said theirs was intended to be the lasting fashion in England, on which he and his court put on the same habit.

Prince Rupert has been again trepanned, the former not having gone down deep enough; this gave him present ease, by letting out a great quantity of corrupt matter, since which he has slept better and is amending; he often diverts himself in his work house, where, among other curiosities, he has made instruments which the surgeons use in dressing him, which do it with more ease than any formerly used.

The French are much surprized that the King has offered for the treaty to be at the Hague, and can scarce deny the same confidence to their strict ally; the States have referred it to their committee for English affairs, who have printed for public quiet the last letter they sent to His Majesty, in which they request a neutral place; but declare that but for their confederates, they would have waited on him at Whitehall. Contrary to their insinuations of the King's unwillingness to treat, they find the treaty sent to their own doors, and to a place of good omen, because there the King of Spain sent his commissioners to own them as free states in 1608.

In compliance with the request of Parliament, the King has appointed convoys to secure the coasts to Newcastle, so that no damage is heard of, except three ships run ashore through the thick weather. Attack by the adventurers of Jamaica on Madagarus near Guatimala, and destruction of several towns. At Nantes, all Flemish ships are captured, which may lead to a war with Spain. News from Russia, Poland, &c. It is doubtful whether the allies will accept the Hague as a place of treaty. [3 pages.]

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- Feb. 21. 43. John Bower to James Hickes. A fleet of laden colliers has
Bridlington. passed southward, with three or four frigates as convoy; great shoot-
ing has been heard at sea, but the reason is not known, as no Hol-
land capers have lately appeared. A fleet of light ships is in sight,
going northward.
- Feb. 21. 44. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Sends letters which should
2 P.M. have come by the last Flanders post. They were directed to Mr.
Post Office. Jemmett; supposes he put them in the bye bag, and so by the care-
lessness of the boys, they were carried backward and forward.
- Feb. 21. 45. Jo. Man to James Hickes. Fears his letters have miscarried,
Swansea. an account of a privateer that was to go to sea from those parts
not appearing in print, as was requested.
- Feb. 21. 46. John Man to Williamson. Has no news; the country is
Swansea. peaceable and healthy.
- Feb. 21. 47. Thos. Poley to Andrew Walton, Little St. Bartholomew's,
Ash Wednesday. near West Smithfield, London. [The Bishop of London] has ob-
Fulham. tained for him (Walton) a grant of Eastmersey parsonage from the
King, and will speak to Lord Arlington for the warrant. He must
have his orders forthcoming.
- Feb. 21. 48. Note of payments made on the additional aid of 1,250,000*l.*,
since Michaelmas 1665; total 418,675*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.*; with other memo-
randa relating thereto.
- Feb. 21. 49. John Badcock, carpenter, to the Navy Comrs. Desires they
Bristol. will send Mr. Furzer to survey and settle a difference between him
and Mr. Baylie, as to some timber which is not according to contract.
Mr. Baylie will leave the matter to Mr. Furzer's judgment. The work
goes on slowly for want of floor timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 21. 50. William Blackett, mayor, Rob. Shafto, and Hen. Maddison, of
Newcastle. Newcastle, to the Navy Comrs. As John Bower lives 70 miles distant,
they cannot think of an expedient to get part of the pilotage due to
John Morton from him, seeing he was not only hired, but promised
payment by the late mayor. Request them to order payment of
the pilot, and to deduct as much as ought to be borne by Mr. Bower
out of what he should receive for the freight of the ship, or the
men's wages paid by him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 21. 51. Capt. John Andrews of the *Sophia* to Mr. Hayter. Asks for
some blank certificates for several men unfit for service, whom
he intends to discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 21. 52. Account by Thos. Stollard, of the appropriation of part of the
deals brought from Scotland, for the use of the ship *Milkmaid*.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 22. 53. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs.
Plymouth. Departure of the Rear-Admirals of the White and Blue, with their
squadrons, convoys, and other ships, though several were forced back
for a night, and arrival of the *Little Gift* from Ireland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 22. 54. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether all the sail-cloth, or only the Noyals, on board the prize *Leifde* is to be retained or to be sold. The train oil and the prize ship *Notre Dame* are to be disposed of next Wednesday. Admiral Kempthorne put to sea again with those ships that came back. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. ? 55. Petition of Francis Mansell, merchant, to the King, to permit him to enjoy his pension of 200*l.* a year, stayed four years ago; was outlawed and ruined, and was promised to be made eminent on the Restoration. Capt. Tattershall and others instrumental in the same service towards the safety of His Majesty's person have had a similar favour.

Feb. 22. Warrant for continuance of the pension of 200*l.* a year, granted to Francis Mansell, for services, especially in the King's escape from the battle of Worcester, notwithstanding the late order for stay of pensions. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 219.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant for payment from the moneys to be raised by the Poll Bill of certain sums for objects specified, relating to the war, chiefly the sea and land forces, amounting in all to 430,300*l.* [*Ent. Book 17, p. 220.*]

Feb. 22. Commission for Trevor Whelor to be ensign to Lord Mordaunt, in Windsor Castle. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140a.*]

Feb. 22. Commission for George Littleton to be lieutenant of Sir Chas. Littleton's company of foot in the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140a.*]

Feb. 22. Pass for a ship from Holland to unlade in any of His Majesty's ports. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 357.*]

Feb. 22. Denization for Abraham De Smitt, native of Middleburg, in Zealand. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 357.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for delivery of the ship *White Fortune* of Amsterdam to John Williamson, in lieu of the *Endeavour* of York, which he lost by its being pressed into the Ordnance service, to carry stores to the fleet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 357.*]

Feb. 22. Privy seal for 2,000*l.* to Col. John Lane, of the King's free gift, for his eminent services to the late King. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 357.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant to John and Jos. Roettiers, chief engravers, to make a new great seal of the kingdom of Great Britain, in the same form as that now in use, to be delivered to Lord Chancellor Clarendon. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 358.*]

[Feb. 22.] 56. Draft of the above.

Feb. 22. Warrant for a commission to Sir Chas. Herbert, surveyor general of lands, Sir John Denham, surveyor of works, and five other officers of the works to survey the Custom House of London, demolished by the fire, and to ascertain the tenure of all lands

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belonging to the same, in order to remove all difficulties, and then to prepare a model of a new Custom House, free from the former encroachments of contiguous buildings, following the old plan so far as to make it convenient to the officers; also to survey the wharfs from the Tower to the bridge, and report whether the Custom House should be removed. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 358-61.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant for a grant to Mary Countess of Falmouth of lands, &c. lately belonging to Edm. Ludlow. Similar to that of Jan. 8, 1667, but with additional particulars. [*See Feb. 15, 1667. Ent. Book 23, pp. 362-3.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant confirming to Richard Hillaway, of the Inner Temple, the office of Recorder of Wallingford. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 363.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 20,300*l.* on account, for the defence of Guernsey, Jersey, Scilly, and the Isle of Wight, and 10,000*l.* for payment of the Scotch regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 363.*]

Feb. 22. Warrant for a commission to John Earl of Bridgewater and 17 others to examine the accounts of the officers relative to the moneys received by virtue of an Act granting a Royal aid of 2,477,500*l.*, another granting 1,250,000*l.*, and another granting 70,000*l.* for three years, for the militia, and also to all sums received for prizes during the war. With note of an addition on renewal of the commission on May 4th, appointing several of the said commissioners and the judges to decide on all frauds or offences relating to the said account. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 365-6.*]

[Feb. 22.] 57. Draft of the preceding warrant. [2 pages.]

Feb. 22. 58. John Clarke to Williamson. The Straits' fleet with their
Plymouth. convoys was forced back, but left again this morning with a fair wind. A Topsham vessel has arrived from Malaga.

Feb. 22. 59. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Feb. 22. 60. John Maurice to James Hickes. Several ships from Cadiz and
Minehead. Lisbon, laden with oils, salt, and sugar, have passed up the Channel for Bristol. Some Irish bullocks and sheep landed at Minehead were seized by the constables, by virtue of a late Act of Parliament. Wants to see Sir Heneage Finch's speech against the passing of that Bill, in the last Session, which is now in print.

Feb. 22. 61. Owen Lindsey to James Hickes. Has no intelligence.
Dartmouth.

Feb. 22. 62. Jo. Dallett to Williamson. Thanks for his promise of a news-
Rye. book twice a week; 22 small merchantmen bound from Portsmouth to London, convoyed by two frigates, are in the harbour.

Feb. 22. 63. Rich Forster to Williamson. Capt. Wetwyng of the Tiger is
Newcastle. not yet come from Scotland, he is staying to convoy some ships; some from Newcastle will be ready for him.

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- Feb. 22. 64. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A fleet of 260 colliers has
Whitby. passed southwards, but the wind may cause them to put into the
Humber. No enemy's man-of-war has appeared on the coast since
a Scarborough man was taken.
- Feb. 22. 65. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. A Bristol vessel has arrived
Pembroke. laden with tobacco from Virginia, and a London vessel laden with
wines and fruit from Malaga. Has received a copy of a note for
5*l.* from Thos. Tooker in 1658, since which he has not been heard of
in those parts.
- Feb. 22. 66. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect as the former
Pembroke. part of the above.
- Feb. 23. 67. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Capt. Fenny in the Speedwell
Harwich. has returned from convoying the Dutch vessels to the Texel. The
Orange and Oxford have sailed; the King is expected at Harwich
next week.
- Feb. 23. 68. Warrant to Charles Earl of Derby, chamberlain of Chester,
Whitehall. to award commissions under the great seal of the county palatine
to fitting persons, to collect and pay to the Receiver General
3,000 marks, leviable as a mise upon the inhabitants of the
county, and due to the King in right of the earldom of Chester;
the speedy dispatch thereof will be taken in good part. [*Copy.*]
- Feb. 23. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 126.*]
- Feb. 23. Warrant for a lease to Peter Jacobson for his life of that part
Whitehall. of Vauxhall on which he has spent 600*l.*, to make it habitable
for his trade of sugar baker, without fine and at a rent of 5*l.*, such
a lease being worth 200*l.* fine and 20*l.* rent. [*Ent. Book 14,*
p. 126.]
- Feb. 23. Licence for the ship St. John of Morlaix to import paper from
France, the Stationers' Company of London and the printer of
Cambridge petitioning for the same, to enable them to set their
presses to work after their losses by the late fire. [*Ent. Book 14,*
p. 127.]
- Feb. 23. Like licence for the ship Charity of Caen. Minute. [*Ent. Book 14,*
p. 127.]
- Feb. ? 69. Petition of Capt. Wm. Stapleton and Ensign Wm. Legg,
prisoners in Newgate, to the King, for free pardon for their offence
in killing Jas. Somerville; are already reprieved, but unless ac-
quitted before the Lord Chief Justice leaves town, will be unable to
sail with their regiment under Sir Tobias Bridges, now bound for
Barbadoes.
- Feb. 23. Warrant for a grant to William Stapleton and Wm. Legg of
pardon for the death of Jas. Somerville. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 357.*]

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Feb. 23. Reference to the Attorney-General on the petition of Sir John Armitage of Kirklees, West Riding of Yorkshire, representing that Mr. Bulmer is about suing him for Denham's estate. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 243.*]

Feb. 23? 70. Petition of Gilbert Thomas, provost marshal. Since the Restoration, has brought to punishment a great number of burglars, felons, and other notorious offenders, as also some traitors, and has received very little, though his father and other predecessors had 200*l.* a year, assessed on the inhabitants. Since the late fire in London, great numbers of felons and robbers harbour about Westminster. Begg a new commission, the old salary established, and ten men to assist him, as he cannot with less number dispatch his duty; also some present relief for support of his family. *Annexing,*

70. 1. *Proposals of Capt. Gilbert Thomas, marshal of Middlesex, that if he be employed to apprehend thieves, rogues, traitors, &c., in Middlesex, Westminster, and the adjacent counties, he may have ten men well mounted and armed, with 3*s.* a day each for them, and 8*s.* for himself, which will be 53*l.* 4*s.* a month. With order thereon, [by Lord Arlington], Feb. 23, that Sir Stephen Fox is to give him this allowance till Michaelmas, but this sum is to be repaid, and his future entertainment provided for out of such forfeitures as he shall take.*

Feb. 23. 71. Statement of the case of Chas. Asfordby, incumbent of the Rectory of Foston, co. Leicester. He was presented to the Rectory of Mablethorp Mary-cum-Staine, co. Lincoln, and had a dispensation to hold it with Foston in April, 1661; he then took institution into the Rectory of Staine, which is under value, and a few weeks after resigned it, and resumed it when united to Mablethorp Mary. The dispensation bears date after institution, but before induction; with query whether in this case Foston rectory should be considered lapsed, and report by Rob. Newdigate that it is not void.

Feb. 23. 72. Thos. Panton to Williamson. On January 18, his privateer, the Gerard, captured the Kaiser, bound from Bilboa for Bruges, as is pretended, and brought her into Dartmouth, where she now is. Begg to be informed if any address is made in behalf of the said prize.

Feb. 23. 73. John Bower to James Hickes. The laden colliers still remain in the Humber with their convoys, who have had some small scrummage with the Dutch. Prays for a happy and honourable peace.

Feb. 23. 74. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his letter of the Weymouth. 19th.

Feb. 23. 75. Sir W. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The King has granted the Duke of York's request about a prize ship for Sir Thos. Tedde-

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man, who desires this introduction to his lordship, that he may receive His Majesty's orders.

Feb. ? 76. Petition of Sir Thos. Teddeman, vice-admiral of the White squadron, to the Duke of York, for a grant of the prize ship *St. Gertrude*, of Amsterdam, now lying at Plymouth; served as a flag officer in the beginning of the Dutch war under the Duke of York, and last summer under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, and has been instrumental in taking several prizes.

Feb. 23. 77. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships are victualled
Ipswich. this week; the *Roebuck* and two others are in Harwich water. There is no killing of oxen, Squire Gauden having provided beef and pork from other ports. They have brewed, but will discontinue it, as there is no occasion to ship beer at present, and a great quantity of biscuit and other provisions is on hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. 78. Account presented to the Duke of York of stores demanded by the Navy Office, to enable them to fit the fleet for sea next spring; total value, 169,868*l.* 10*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. 79. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Gave Sir Wm.
Roe ketch, Coventry an account of his arrival with the *Gottenburg* ships, but
Harwich. the officers at Harwich will not clean nor refit them without order. Begs the needful commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. 80. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Going to Bristol will not
Conpill. advantage him, seeing what Mr. Morgan, [collector of customs], says as to his income; once when informed by his own clerk and sub-collector that there was a good stock of money in the Custom House, Morgan gave the farmers of customs another account, and when told of it, replied that they could not know his business. Urges some supply, being unable to answer expectations. The warrant for pressing men is of no use without pay for them. The boatswain and seamen call upon him to help them, when his condition is as bad as their own; the cry of so many workmen is a continual aggravation of his other troubles, which are sufficient of themselves. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. 81. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. There are 5 oxen and 106 hogs
Portsmouth. slaughtered. Victualling of three ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. 82. Richard Elkin, muster master, to Sam. Pepys. If he think
Gravesend. fit to prosecute the person who forged his name to the ticket, will observe his commands. The assizes will be held at Sevenoaks on March 11 next. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. 83. Capt. F. Digby to Col. Middleton. Sends the names of men
The Greenwich, whose tickets have gone to London and also of those who were
Portsmouth. turned over from the *Jersey* and *Princess* to his ship, which were sent back unsigned for want of the books. Begs him to order the purser of the *Jersey* to make up and send his books to London, that the tickets may be signed, and the men, who are in a sad condition,

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may receive their money. With note that the list was sent to Mr. Waterson, March 23, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Pass for Grargrave with 30 horses into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 366.*]

Feb. 24. 84. [Lord Arlington] to the Earl of Derby. The King having
Whitehall. heard of the slow progress made in the repairs of Chester Castle, has written peremptorily to the governor to hasten their completion, and wishes his lordship to see the mises levied for defraying the charge, and in the interim, till that money comes in, which will be 3,000 marks, to advance the sum from the militia money of the county to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley and Sir Paul Pindar, for present expenses. [*1½ pages.*]

Feb. 24. 85. Sir Ja. Modyford to Williamson. Is at Portsmouth, waiting
Portsmouth. the return of Lord Wm. Willoughby. Begs him to hasten him, and to quicken Mr. Harris about the silver broad seal for Providence Island.

Feb. 24. 86. M. Scott to Williamson. Nothing of moment has occurred
Berwick. in those parts.

Feb. 24. 87. Ri. Watts to Williamson. All hopes of peace are darkened
Deal. by a report that the French King will treat nowhere but at Paris. All pray that the French may be left out, and then by God's blessing the King may once more see Paris. The country is quiet, many of the fanatic party being cut off in the late distemper; fears that without care it will break out again, as many people sell their goods before the houses or things are aired; two or three have died suddenly, and one of the distemper.

Feb. 24. 88. Sir Jo. Towers to Williamson. Requests him to look out
The most the warrant His Majesty was pleased to grant him, as Sir Rob. Pye is now willing to go on with it; will give him 10*l.* for his saddest of Prisons. trouble. Needs pity, being reduced very low by long and doleful imprisonment, and now obliged to go beyond seas, and unable to make the least provision for the voyage. Sir Thos. Daniel says he (Williamson) has the warrant for the writer's transportation, and it could be had for sending for it; begs for it, that he may give security to the Lord Chief Justice, and so have the happiness of hazarding his blood in the King's service.

Feb. 24. 89. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. The great fleet of 60 mer-
Falmouth. chantmen from Plymouth with 10 convoys, bound southward, has passed by.

Feb. 25. 90. List of prisoners in the Tower upon charity, that are not examined, viz., 3 committed in 1662, 8 in 1665, and 2 in 1666, for treasonable practices: Chas. Bayly, quaker, in 1663, for seditious practices; Abraham Goodman, 1663, on the Duke of Buckingham's account; Major Hume, 1666, a Scotch prisoner; Mat. Rose, 1666, for the escape of Gregory; 6 seamen, 1666, committed by the Duke

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of York for attempting to break open the Marshalsea prison, and Coureur, Fourdin, and Choisin, Frenchmen, 1666. Also,

List of prisoners examined February 23, 1667, before the Lord Chancellor, Duke of Albemarle, and Lord Arlington, viz.: Major General John Desborough, committed 1666, John Atkinson, 1664, Clement Ireton, Capt. Jones, Rob. Joplin, and Cornet Wynesmore, 1665, and Capt. Adam Baynes, 1666, all for treasonable practices; Rice Vaughan, 1665, for high treason, and Thos. Fletcher, 1662, for bringing treasonable letters to the Tower. Endorsed "Prisoners in the Tower that are on His Majesty's allowance." [1½ pages.]

Feb. 25. 91. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has no news.
Swansea.

Feb. 25. 92. "Advices," being memoranda from letters calendared above.

Feb. 25. 93. James Hickes to Rob. Leigh, secretary to Lord Arlington.
London. Protests his duty to his lordship, and his desire to advance the King's service and profits of the post office. Asks when he may be permitted to wait on his lordship.

Feb. 25. 94. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The men-of-war are without
Newcastle. the bar. Capt. Wetwyng of the Tiger waits a fair wind to come away with the ships he convoys.

Feb. 25. 95. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Has no news, all things being
Truro. quiet and peaceable.

Feb. 25. 96. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Some 21 or 22 of the Straits'
Pendennis. fleet came in there, but on warning from Rear-Admiral Utber, have sailed again and joined the whole fleet. A London privateer has been roving on the coast of France, but met only Hamburgers.

Feb. 25. 97. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Has no news.
Pembroke.

Feb. 25. 98. Geo. Newland to Benj. Lambe, Letter Office, London. Ac-
Isle of Wight. counts for the breakage of a seal in a letter to Squire Williamson by the writer of the letter having put another paper into the packet, after it was on the boat for Southampton, so that the cover was too small, and there being 60 other letters in the bag, the seal may have broken; can prove that the post bag was not opened after that letter was put in. Will come up to vindicate himself, if needful.

Feb. 25. 99. Account by Sir John Mennes and Sir Wm. Batten of a petition
Navy Office. of Hannah, widow of John Jeffries, late captain of the Cambridge, for payment for stores and provisions delivered by her husband to the Navy Comrs., of which the King ordered an estimate to be made and referred to them, with their report thereon, that no such goods were delivered by Capt. Jefferies, but that they were taken from a prize ketch and not claimed by him till some time afterwards. [Copy, 1½ pages.]

Feb. 25. 100. Petition of [Lous de Duras] Marquis of Blanquefort and George
Hamilton to the King, for the sole licence of holding lotteries in

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His Majesty's dominions, the Royal company to whom it was granted in 1664, for three years now expired, being indifferent about renewal of their licence.

Feb. ? 101. Draft of the preceding petition.

Feb. ? 102. Abstract of the preceding petition.

Feb. 25. Grant to the Marquis of Blanquefort and George Hamilton of the sole licensing of all sorts of lotteries in the kingdom of England and Ireland and the Plantations for seven years. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 367.*]

Feb. 25. Order for a warrant to the Officers of the New Forest to fell 500 loads of timber in the said forest, for the fortifications at Portsmouth. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 367.*]

Feb. 25. Warrant to John Barcroft, serjeant-at-arms, to repair to Owthorpe, co. Northampton, or elsewhere, and to seize the Duke of Buckingham and convey him in close custody to the Tower, for treason; with warrant of assistance in the execution thereof. [*Ent. Book 24, p. 34.*]

Feb. 25. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive the Duke of Buckingham, and to keep him close prisoner. Minute. [*Ent. Book 24, p. 34.*]

Feb. 25. 103. William Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Sends the accounts
Hull. for the Pearl, the captain of which, making much haste to go to sea, met with a Dutch man-of-war which has disabled her. Would have refitted her with all but powder and shot, but the captain desiring to go to Harwich, nothing has been done. Four or five men-of-war are in the Humber, with a fleet of colliers. Wants money; a friend and townsman at London requires 100*l.*, which would help him a little. Knows not when he might alight on so good an opportunity again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 25. 104. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. The master builder's
Ordnance account differs from that received from the Ordnance agent at Har-
Office. wich, as to the guns for the Elias prize, but as they laid in a heap on board the hulk, presumes he could not be so exact. Her supply is sent according to the agent's account; eight guns with carriages to complete the number. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 25. 105. Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Navy Comrs. Asks for an allow-
The Elizabeth, ance to the surgeon or purser for sick and wounded men, as the
Erith. ship is going where no assistance can be expected. Is fearful from the season coming on so fast that they shall not escape sickness. All merchant ships bound for similar voyages carry vinegar to sprinkle their decks, so as to keep their men in health. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. 106. Capt. Jeremy Country to Capt. John Hubbard, Jacob's Street,
Portsmouth. near St. Saviour's dock. Mr. Bradley went to the Commissioner to tender the delivery of the ship, but he says no orders have been received either by himself, Mr. Tippetts, or Capt. Johnson. Has little reason to press them to take her at such a rate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Kinsale.

107. Wm. Penn, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Sends four muster books belonging to ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

108. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Departure of ships named. The Zante fleet of 40 sail sent in one of their ships to know what convoys were there, and finding none, passed by. The Gloucester, having lost her masts, is ordered to Portsmouth. The Deptford ketch waits Col. Slingsby and a fair wind for Jersey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

109. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The port is free from ships. Is overburdened for money, and without a better supply, shall be laid in prison. Cannot expect further credit. Borrowed money to pay the carpenters to dispatch the ships under Rear-Admiral Utber. Is tired with the continual clamour, and knows not what to do. Mr. Woolley of Dartmouth is earnest for the money due for the cordage delivered in September last. The writer's disbursements, including the debt for cordage and the assignment on the Chamber of London, amount to 9,521*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*, of which he has received but 1,000*l.* Has endeavoured to get 2,000*l.* from the bankers upon his bills, but as they demand 20 to 25 per cent. is ashamed to speak of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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110. Capt. Thos. Story to Pepys. Received warrants from the Duke of York in April 1665, to press 500 men for sea; impressed about 400 from Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, conducted them to Harwich, and delivered 370 into the ships. The charge, amounting to 200*l.* 5*s.*, was borrowed of the county of Cambridge and never repaid. Desires reimbursement as a great favour to the county. With note that a bill was made out for the amount on Feb. 26, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Edwinstow.

111. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. They may have a ketch of 20 tons or more built at Stockwith, to carry the timber from Bawtry, as there is no fear of water. She must be of the dimensions mentioned, to enable her to go under the bridges and through the flood-gates. Mr. Lester, having two ketches, will bring the timber lying at Bawtry, but will not meddle with that at Stockwith. At Hull it could be laid ashore at high water, on the west of the Blockhouse, and made fast with ropes, out of the tide's way. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Warrant to commit Henry North to the Tower, for treasonable practices; with warrant to the Lieutenant to receive him. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 366.*]

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112. "Questions to be asked Hen. North" as to his intercourse with Wm. Mason, Major Greathead, Capts. Butler and John Price, Mr. Fisher of Sheffield, Capt. Salmon, and Cornet Pattison; and why he did not appear at the York Assizes, when bound to do so. Also, Note of the evidences of Tim. Cloudesley and John Calwell or Calbeck, and description of the persons of Marsden and Lieut-Col. Mason.

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Feb. 26. Licence to Lieut.-Col. Rumsey to go to Jersey, and absent himself from the King's presence for ——— weeks. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 367.*]

Feb. 26. The King to the Lord Treasurer. The warrant of 14 Jan. for a waiter's place in the port of London for Rob. Starre, nominee of Hen. Brouncker, having failed, owing to previous letters in behalf of others, another letter is to be prepared, giving Brouncker the first nomination after those already recommended, of whom Sir Peter Killigrew is the last. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 230.*]

[Feb. 26.] 113. Draft of the above.

Feb. 26 114. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Having made a short stay
Hull. on the way, on his own business, has reached Hull, but finds nothing worth noting; will receive his commands, and give an account of what happens in those parts; 200 or 300 colliers are going southward.

Feb. 26. 115. John Clarke to Williamson. The Smyrna fleet, 40 sail
Plymouth. with their convoys, bound southward, has passed. The whole lading of linen cloth, on an Ostender which has long been in the port, is seized by order from the Lords Comrs. of Prizes, as it is believed to belong to Frenchmen, though several English merchants claim great part of it.

Feb. 26. 116. John Clarke to James Hickee. To the same effect.

Feb. 26. 117. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has received the order about
Plymouth Fort. the French commodities, and been on board the ship; the hatches are fast sealed with the Admiralty seal; will unlade her and give an account of the goods. There has been no neglect of the custom house officers; they would admit of no entry, or let the goods be landed.

Feb. 26. 118. John Maurice to Williamson. At Stowgussy, in that
Minehead. county, the country people apprehended nine persons, well horsed and armed, who confessed before Sir Wm. Wyndham and Mr. Rogers, justices of peace, that they designed to rob the house of Mrs. Lutterell, a widow, supposed to be well stored with cash; they were sent to the county gaol at Ilchester, but better evidence may come out at the Taunton Assizes, March 19. Some ships have gone for Ireland.

Feb. 26. 119. Willm. Hurt, collector of customs, to Williamson. On 15
Dartmouth. December last, refused, according to the King's orders, to let the Comfort of Topsham sail, without the Duke of York's pass and security to return to England at the time prefixed. January 4, the captain, Richard Crowe, presented a pass for the Madeiras, whereas he wished to go to the Barbadoes; he twice tried to slip away without giving the required security, but was prevented by Giles Ivy and other custom house officers. Informed Sir Wm. Coventry, and by his order, the sails were taken from the yards of the vessel. The persons interested are the same gang as resisted the proclamation against the Canary Company; they appealed to Council, pretending

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that the writer had allowed other ships to go without a pass, and got two months longer for the voyage. John Fowell was thereon sent to examine the complaints against the writer; being from home on that day, knows not the report, but protests his innocence. Has only obeyed King and Council, in suffering no ship to go without pass and security, and deserves encouragement rather than the contrary. [2 pages.]

Feb. 26. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Carlingford 2,480*l.*, balance due to him on disbursements beyond sea as envoy to the Emperor and princes of Germany. [*Docquet.*]

[Feb. 26.] 120. Warrant to the principal Comrs. of Prizes to deliver the
Whitehall. St. Gertrude of Amsterdam to Sir Thos. Teddeman, or the proceeds thereof if it be sold.

Feb. 26. 121. Warrant to the Comrs. for Prizes for an order to Lord Ashley,
Whitehall. their treasurer, to pay to Sir Thos. Teddeman the entire proceeds of the St. Gertrude of Amsterdam, as a free gift, for his services in the late expedition at sea.

Feb. 26. ? 122. Interest account of Baptist May for 20,000*l.* advanced on the hearth-money, payable 20 February 1667; total, 851*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*

Feb. 26. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Mr. Ludlow, for a grant of the right and title which Col. Ludlow might have to the estate of Edmund Ludlow, deceased, except such real estate as has been granted to Lady Falmouth. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 242.*]

Feb. 26. 123. Petition of Sir John Downing, Bart., John Loving, and
Whitehall. Wm. Pinckney, tellers of the receipt of Exchequer, to the King, for protection in the execution of their places from the molestation of Edmund Squib, brother and assignee of the late Arthur Squib, who pretended a reversion to a tellership, though resolvedly laid aside by His Majesty as a person unfit for such a trust. A judgment has already been given against him in Chancery, but he is prosecuting a writ of error in the Court of King's Bench. With reference thereon to the Lord High Chancellor and Lord Treasurer.
Annexing,

123. I. *Request that the King will refer the petition of the Tellers of the Exchequer against Arthur or Edm. Squib to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer, and that the Lord Treasurer will consider of a plan to suspend them from the office, and confirm the petitioner in peaceable possession thereof.*

123. II. *Note from Lord Chancellor Clarendon to Attorney General Palmer, March 6, 1667, asking what warrant he has received about this writ of error, and by whom it was certified; and reply of the latter, March 12, that the warrant came signified by Sir John Berkenhead, on petition of Edmund Squib.*

Feb. 26. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 243.*]

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Feb. 26. The King to Comr. Thos. Middleton, at Portsmouth. Two frigates are ordered to convoy to Barbadoes certain forces which are to be transported thither. He is to give notice thereof to all merchant ships in that port who have licences for Barbadoes or the neighbouring islands, that they may take the benefit of the convoy, and to fit the merchant ships to receive on board as many of the said forces as they are capable of; if any should refuse to agree to this order, they are not to be allowed to proceed on the voyage. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 368.*]

[Feb. 26.] 124. Draft of the above.

Feb. 27. Release to Edward Gray and five others of 900 marks, part of the rent of 1,000 marks reserved on their grant of licensing pedlars, with the arrears thereof. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 27. 125. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Another prize is brought into Edinburgh. Leith. Patrick Roy McGregor was put into the boots, in presence of Council, to extort a confession whether he had any accomplices in the murder of the Laird of Muresk, who with his son was murdered by the Highlanders. He will not confess having anything to do with it. Twenty Whigs, prisoners in Edinburgh, and condemned for the Barbadoes, have made their escape.

Feb. ? 126. Statement that Pat. Roy McGregor, condemned to have his right hand cut off and then to be hanged, for a disturbance in the Highlands, was reprieved, on confession and promise to discover the source of his villanies, and make propositions for the future security of the place.

Feb. 27. 127. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Flying Greyhound privateer had taken a prize on the coast of France, but the Dragon coming up with Dutch colours, let it go; she was chased by the Dragon, supposing her to be a Dutch caper, so the prize was lost. The Dragon has come in, also the Pelican of Topsham from Wales, with coals; 20 sail which left with her are forced by wind into Mount's Bay; the coasts are clear.

Feb. 27. 128. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Has no news this post.
Boston.

Feb. 27. 129. Shar. Talbot to James Hickes. Thanks for kindness. Lichfield. Feared the city would be too late for the poll, as no act was sent to the bailiffs for meeting; offered Bailiff Burnes an act of his own, that they might proceed, but he would not act without orders. Some met on Monday, and sent a warrant for the inhabitants' names to be brought in before March 1, which can scarcely be done, the bailiff being sottish and careless of the business; would gladly see it promoted, and has shown him a way to expedite it, but he will go his own way, though the King suffer by it; Mr. Williamson should know this.

Feb. 27. 130. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. All public action is about Lynn. raising the poll money; no pickeroons are heard of; the Cygnet waits to convoy three ships, laden with beef and pork for the Navy;

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the fleet of 100 laden colliers, bound for London, is detained in the Humber seven or eight days by winds.

- Feb. 27. 131. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. Thanks for favours to Capt. Norwich. Lullman, an honest and deserving person; fears there will be a lame reckoning of the Poll Act in Norfolk and Norwich, through the great want of money and decay of trade, and the coldness of some persons employed in the affair. Sent him compliments by the Dean of Norwich.
- Feb. 27. 132. Chr. Coles to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped the knees, and Col. Middleton has ordered the Swallow ketch as convoy. Cannot furnish Mr. Tippetts with large plank for the new ship without a supply of money, and has been compelled to put off his sawyer, workmen, and creditors, for the want of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 27. 133. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Has been detained by The Milkmaid, contrary winds, but shall hasten to Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Chatham.
- Feb. 28. 134. John Fenn to Wm. Hewer, Navy Office. Asks for two more estimates for this year's service for the Lord Privy Seal, and also estimates for the yards for 1665 and 1666. With short-hand notes as to those to be sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 28. 135. Certificate by Jonas Shish of the dimensions, &c. of the Hopewell pink of London. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 28. 136. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Asks permission to Tower Hill. send stores to Leith by the Fortune galliot, bound for Scotland, as she is going with only ballast. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Feb. 28. 137. Willm. Leving to Williamson. Asks a warrant for apprehension of Col. Hen. Danvers, Dr. Edw. Richardson, Jones *alias* Mene Tekel, Capt. Lockyer, Capt. Sam. Wise, Jer. Marsden, Lieut. Simon Butler, Tim. Butler, John Carew, — Spurway, Ralph Alexander, Majors Blood and Lee, Chris. Dowson, and Edw. Wilkinson, all proclaimed persons, to be brought before Lord Arlington, should he find them in London and Westminster, but if in the country, before the next justice of peace; it should also warrant a search for arms in the houses where they are taken.
- Feb. 28. 138. John Man to Williamson. Has no news.
Swansea.
- Feb. 28. 139. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Has no news. Has taken Aldborough. fresh care with the posts thereabouts for letters to come speedily; the neglect is nearer London, as at Colchester and Witham.
- Feb. 28. 140. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A deep snow lies on the Harwich. ground, thicker than all winter. The colliers do not appear.
- Feb. 28. 141. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The two fireship captains Portsmouth. were again tried at a council of war on the Warspite, Spithead; Seely, who was with the St. Patrick, is condemned to be shot

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without a pardon from the King or Duke; the other case is deferred for want of evidence. The Bristol has returned, having chased ashore a French and a Dutch merchant ship on the French coast; she would have taken them, but the country came to assist them.

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Truro.

142. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Arrival of the Dragon and a privateer at Falmouth. A small privateer is fitting at Truro, but there is some fear that the men may be pressed.

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143. Petition of George Browning, of Exeter, to the King and Council, for reference to some gentlemen of the county of the dispute between himself and the Corporation of Exeter, some of whom, being themselves owners of fulling mills, endeavour to stop the fulling mills which he has erected near the city, on pretext that they obstruct the passage of boats by drawing off the water. With reference thereon to Hen. Northleigh, high sheriff, Sir Wm. Courtney, Bart., and three others.

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144. Draft of the above reference.

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Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 224.*]

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145. Petition of Charles Gifford to the King, not to suffer him to lie in gaol, and thus encrease his load of debt. What he long foresaw has happened; he is in custody of the sheriff of Middlesex for 150*l.*, and cannot be discharged but by His Majesty's assistance.

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146. Petition of John Pate to the King, for an order to transport the convicts in Newgate, in a schedule given, to some of the plantations. *Annexing,*

146. I. *Names of 21 convicts now in Newgate, who are to be transported to the plantations; signed by Walter Cowdrey, keeper. Feb. 25, 1667.*

146. II. *List by John Shadwell, clerk of Newgate, of 21 prisoners committed from the New Prison, condemned to transportation, all for stealing. Feb. 1667.*

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147. Petition of Frances relict of Phineas Pett, late commander of the Tiger, to the King. He promised her, on her husband's death, 550*l.*, received for sale of brandy from between decks, from a prize taken by her husband the day before he was slain; has waited ten months, but only received 200*l.* of the said sum, the rest being remitted by order to Thos. Chicheley. Begs payment of the residue.

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148. Petition of Willm. Pinckney, teller of the Exchequer, to the King, for leave to surrender his place, which he has held five years, to Sir Wm. Doyley, jun. *Annexing,*

148. I. *Extract from Mr. Pinckney's patent of the tellership, date Jan. 17, 1662; fee 31*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year.*

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Feb. ? 149. Petition of John Richards, one of the Queen's gentlemen ushers, to the King, for allowance of board wages, as paid to other supernumerary servants; was promised a place as one of the four ushers who receive board wages, but was made a supernumerary instead.

[Feb.] 150. Petition of John West and five other prisoners in the Gatehouse to Lord Arlington, for an order to the keeper to permit their wives and relations to bring them things needful for their relief. [See Council Register.]

Feb. Grant to John Wheldon of the first under-searcher's place in London, or collector or comptroller's in Newcastle or Bristol, in reversion after 12 persons named. Endorsed "Mr. Gringaud." [Docquet.]

[Feb.] Caveat that no grant pass of a King's waiter's place in the Custom House without notice to Thomas Clifford, who has a grant of one. [Ent. Book 14, p. 39.]

Feb. Memorandum [from the Signet Books] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Note of payment to Sir Jas. Bunce of a debt of 577*l.*, as stated by Sir Edw. Nicholas.

Grant to Edw. Gray and five others of the licensing of pedlars for 21 years, on rent of 1,000 marks, of which 900 are released to them.

Grant to Fras. Ridley and Rich. Holman, on surrender of Mark Cottle, of the receivership of cos. Oxon and Berks. [Domestic Corresp., Jan. 1667, Vol. CLXXXIV., No. 129.]

Feb. ? 151. The King to the Mayor, &c., of ———. Recommends Thos. Baudewin to succeed Tim. Turner as recorder of their town, the appointment is reserved to His Majesty by the charter of incorporation.

Feb. ? 152. The King to the President, &c. of St. B[artholomew's Hospital, London]. Recommends George ——— to the place of surgeon or physician to the hospital, void by ——— of Thomas ———. [Torn draft.]

Feb. ? 153. ——— Durel to Lady Arlington. Entreats that Lord Arlington would, with the King's leave, write to the commissioners for poll money, on behalf of the Marquis de Cugnac, who is taxed in heavy sums, though he has hardly bread to eat. Having no property in England, he should be taxed only as a private gentleman. The house of the Duke de la Force, to which he is related, would thus be laid under obligation. [French, 3 pages.]

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154. Robt. Seabrooke, carpenter, to Sir W. Coventry. Sends a long account of the ill behaviour of Capt. John Barton, commander of the pink Blackamoor, charging him with stealing goods from prizes, drunkenness, cowardice, and treason in rescuing pressed men from the service ; also with being abusive, and beating his officers and foremast man. Desires leave to lay down his own employment. [2 pages.]

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155. Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Cutler has wronged them, and ruined him and his uncle, only allowing him the first cost of the hemp, &c., without any satisfaction for time, pains, and loss of credit ; he unjustly detains 675*l.*, awarded to the writer ; has also lost 139*l.* paid in Scotland for declining another bargain to preserve that of the hemp, and 130*l.* by disposing of clapboard left behind. Cutler gave him their bill of imprest for 246*l.*, payable in July last, which has not been received. A friend has endeavoured to procure it, though with loss ; but so much was demanded that the writer asks for an order for its payment. With note as to the amount allowed and owing to him from Mr. Cutler. [*Adm. Paper.*] closes,

155. I. *Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Sends account of hemp, clapboard, pitch, tar, &c., freighted and delivered, amounting to 1,964*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* Desires they will order Mr. Cutler before the Board, and hopes that neither his malicious reports nor Capt. Strachan's calumnious writings will gain further credit. Has formerly given an account of his difference with Capt. Strachan ; Lord Ballenden, before whom Strachan charged him, being there, they will now find out how much he is the sufferer.*

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156. Particulars of money due to Rich. Burton for ironwork at Chatham, on bills from June 1665 to 31 Dec. 1666 ; total 761*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

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157. Abstract by John Hill of the bills of Thos. Chidley, shipwright, for work done and goods delivered to frigates at Kinsale since March 27, 1666 ; total 2,850*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, on which nothing had been received up to 23 Jan., 1666 ; and statement that he has another bill for 1,200*l.* not accepted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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158. Abstract by John Hardwin of bills due to him from Aug. 25, 1665, to Dec. 31, 1666 ; total 1,531*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

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159. Account of the dimensions of the ship London that was blown up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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160. List by Capt. Perryman of the dimensions of 24 merchant ships in the river fit for men-of-war, with their and their owner's names, &c. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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161. Certificate by Mr. Tooker of the time when 36 vessels named were hired in 1666 for victualling ships, the masters' names, and the dates and places of discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. ? Portsmouth. 162. List by Comr. Middleton of tickets sent to the Navy Office for 29 men named belonging to the Jersey, and not returned. With notes of five sent back to Comr. Middleton, July 27, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. ? 163. Account of three bills unpaid belonging to Mr. Fowley, amounting to 3,393*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.*, all dated in Dec. 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. ? 164. Astrological predictions on the questions propounded to Peter Heyden, astrologer of London, as to whether the fanatics shall again have toleration in England, and whether the English may not be compelled to a neutral place for a treaty of peace. To the first he replied that, though for a while no progress would be made in the work of restoring liberty of conscience, it would be done in time, and those who would lord it over the best subjects of the kingdom, and offer them up to slaughter like tame sheep, would find themselves deceived. To the second he answered, that a plan would be found to content all parties, and if the higher powers remained wilful, they would lament it with tears. Though these answers are according to the rules of his art, he is committed to the Tower for them. [*3 pages.*]

Feb. ? 165. Notice that the Committee of the Common Council of London for making the new street called King Street, between Guildhall and Cheapside, will sit twice a week at Guildhall, to treat with persons concerned; enquiry to be made by jury, according to the Act for rebuilding the city, of the value of land of such persons as refuse to appear.

[Feb.] Instructions to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to order the Bishops to prepare a statement of the present condition of all hospitals in England and Wales; their revenues, landed property, government, number of poor maintained, &c., and to send copies of their statutes. [*Ent. Book 14, p. 39.*]

Feb. ? 166. Note of request of Nich. Watson and two others to be allowed to visit Mr. Peter Fourdin, now prisoner in the Tower.

Feb. ? 167. Proposition by Sir Rob. Vyner and Alderman Backwell to farm for 800,000*l.*, to be paid in six weeks, the present Poll Bill, valued to the King by Parliament at 480,000*l.*, much of which is spent on the expenses of collecting.

Feb. ? 168. Statement that in January last, Sam. Petty and four armed men from a private man-of-war went on board a pretended prize at Dartmouth, took George Miller, the tide-waiter, who was on board, into custody, and ransacked and pillaged the vessel; that Petty was committed to prison, but Thos. Iago, mayor, or John Whitrow, bailiff, let him go, and that Ant. Kelly, town clerk, refused, when applied to, to furnish a copy of Miller's affidavit, unless first assured that it would not be used to the injury of the town.

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169. Statement by Theobald Earl of Carlingford of his expenses during his embassy to Germany, residence of six months at Vienna, &c., 1665–1666; total, 5,080*l.*, of which he has received or is ordered to receive 2,600*l.*, and 2,480*l.* is still due.

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170. Note by Col. R. Sidney that the Duke of York has appointed Ralph Woomley ensign to Sir Herbert Lunsford. With memorandum to look out the papers concerning Sir Edw. Winter and Sir John Nicholas.

Feb.

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's ships and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of receipt, and dispatch of the mail, &c.:—

No.	Date.	King's.	Mer- chants.	Wind.	Remarks.	Received.	Sent.
171	Feb. 2	7	1	—	Barbadoes ships sailed—	None.	4 P.M.
172	" 3	8	1	S.W.	—	None.	4 P.M.
173	" 5	2	—	N.W.	Guns heard at sea	None.	4 P.M.
174	" 9	1	—	S.	Garland has sailed	Feb. 8, 9 P.M.	4 P.M.
175	" 10	2	—	S.W.	—	" 9, 11 P.M.	4 P.M.
176	" 11	2	—	S.W.	Some ships come in bound for the Straits, names not known.	" 10, 7 P.M.	5 P.M.
177	" 12	2	4	S.S.W.	A French ship chased but escaped.	None.	4 P.M.
178	" 13	2	5	W.	—	" 12, 8 P.M.	5 P.M.
179	" 14	2	6	S.W.	—	" 11, 8 P.M.	4 P.M.
180	" 22	1	—	N.W.	—	" 21, 6 P.M.	6 P.M.
181	" 24	1	—	N.E.	The Unicorn for Leghorn has passed through the Downs.	None.	5 P.M.
182	" 25	1	—	N.E.	—	Feb. 24, 7 P.M.	5 P.M.

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Newcastle.

1. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The three men-of-war that brought in the light fleet joined the Tiger in Scotland, and are expected back to-day, when the colliers will be ready to go with them.

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2. Petition of several Merchants to the King and Council, for an order that several of their ships, laden with victuals and other goods designed for America, may be allowed to proceed; and further request that, the petition being referred to the Duke of York, and not yet determined, the ships for Newfoundland may be allowed to proceed. *Enclosing,*

2. 1. *List of the above ships, 17 in number, with names of the masters, the tonnage, and destination.*

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Lynn.

3. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The Portsmouth has brought in 25 sail of laden colliers, and left near 100 sail in the Humber, bound for the Thames, which it was supposed would leave the next tide. Capt. Smith, of the Cygnet, is to convoy provision ships to the fleet. There has been no occasion to muster the militia for a long time back. Two vessels of Wells that left the fleet last night have been taken by a Dutch privateer.

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4. Examination of George Tipping before the Board of Green-cloth. Lives at Dunham, parish of Bowden, Cheshire, and looks after the cattle of his father, Wm. Tipping. Has come to London to be cured by Mr. Gratterick of dimness of sight and lameness. Bought a pistol of a gunsmith in the Strand for 4s., because he wished to preserve some money which he has. Lodges in Tuttle Street; his London acquaintance are George Johnson, attorney in Alderman-bury, and John Weston, Brewers' Yard, Strand.

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5. Case of Edward Thompson, merchant, presented to Council. He bought in June, 1666, for 1,300*l.*, the ship Jacob of Lerwick, condemned as prize by the Admiralty of Scotland as a Danish ship, though laden with Englishmen's goods. Lee and Smith, owners of the goods, when the ship was at Newcastle, arrested her, and forbade the sale of ship and goods; the case was referred by Council to the English Admiralty, who decided in favour of Lee and Smith, and contrary to the decision of the Scottish Admiralty. If prize goods can be so recovered, no man will venture to buy them but at under rates, and great mischief will ensue if one Admiralty Court annuls the judicature of another. [*See Council Register.*]

March 1.
Whitehall.

6. Note of a bond of Edw. Thompson of York, Rich. Thompson of Stepney, and Edw. Nelthorpe in 3,000*l.* to Ed. Smith and Edw. Lee, merchants of London, to abide by an order in Council of March 1, 1667,—made on report of Dr. Jenkins, judge of the Admiralty Court, touching the Jacob of Lerwick, taken by Capt. Gideon Murray, a privateer in Scotland, and there condemned as a prize and sold to Edw. Thompson, but since arrested at Newcastle as the property of Smith and Lee,—that the case be referred to the Lords of Session in Scotland, as judges of appeal from the Admiralty there, and that Edw. Thompson be permitted to dispose of the ship, on giving security to its full value to abide by the decision of the Lords of Session in reference to it.

March 1.
Haddon.

7. Earl of Rutland to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his favours, which were unexpected, being unknown to his lordship. Will try not to belie those who have spoken advantageously of him. On meeting with his son, will send a list of the deputy lieutenants to Leicestershire. *Encloses,*

7. 1. *Presentation by the Earl of Rutland, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, of Viscount Beaumont, Lords Roos and Sherard, five baronets, one knight, and seven esquires, as deputy lieutenants for the county, requesting the King's approbation. Belvoir Castle, March 1, 1667.*

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Plymouth.

8. John Clarke to Williamson. Two vessels arrived from Rochelle report that only one Bristol and one London ship have been carried in there lately as prizes, and that there are eight French men-of-war off Ushant. Sir John Skelton has taken their examinations.

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Plymouth.

9. John Clarke to James Hicke. To the same effect as the former part of the above.

March 1.
Hull.

10. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The coal fleet of 200 sail is still detained in the Humber by the wind. Being ill, is unable to obey the Lord Chamberlain's order to appear at Whitehall on the 8th, on some business done in 1643 or 1644; asks five or six weeks' delay, and advice on the matter, of which Sir Edw. Walker will inform him more largely.

March ?

11. Petition of Mordaunt Webster, late rector of St. Nicholas Acon's, London, to the King, for presentation to the rectory of Denton, Norfolk, now in His Majesty's gift by lapse. Has lost the benefice conferred on him by the King during the late dreadful fire, and is wholly destitute. Signed by Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Warrant for presentation of Mordaunt Webster to the rectory of Denton, co. Norfolk. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 57.*]

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Commission for Fras. Rainsford to be Lieutenant to Sir John Robinson's company in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140.*]

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Commission for — Blackwell to be ensign to Col. Baggot's company in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140a.*]

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Commission for Col. Steward Walker to be marshal to the Horse Guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.*]

March 1.

Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to deliver convicts to be named, remaining at Newgate, to John Pate, to be transported to the Plantations. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 373.*]

March 1.
Whitehall.

12. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, for a grant to Sir John Mennes, comptroller of the Navy, in consideration of services and sufferings detailed in his petition of power to recover all rents and fines in the hands of receivers, bailiffs, &c., of the duchy of Lancaster, from Jan. 1643, to June 1659, and to retain them up to a certain amount; also for a grant to him of the lease of Hylins Park, Staffordshire, held by Gregory Walklet, by purchase during the rebellion, where he has destroyed the deer, felled the timber, &c., and made it useless for a park; or if Walklet's lease be not void in law, then the reversion of it and the present keepership of the park for Robert and John, sons of Rob. Heath, at his nomination. [*4 pages.*]

March 1.

13. Draft of the above, dated January. [*1½ pages.*]

March 1.

Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 369–373.*]

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March 1 ? 14. Directions for a warrant from Lord Arlington, for a grant to Charles Earl of Carlisle, of 1,000*l.* a year for 21 years, from the over-sea customs on coals.

March 1. 15. Warrant for a grant to Charles Earl of Carlisle of 1,000*l.* a year, for 21 years, out of the customs on foreign coals.
Whitehall.

March 1. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 274.*]

March 1. Pass for the Duke of Ormond's ship, laden with wines for his family, to return to Rouen with hides, tallow, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 374.*]

March 1. Pass for the ship Nuestra Signora de Beganza, laden with provisions for New England, to go to Bilboa and to return. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 375.*]

March 1. 16. Account by Edw. Gregory and N. Holt, of goods received into the stores at Chatham, out of four prize ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

16. 1. *Account of the charge for the subsidy and bill money of the said four prize ships; total, 51*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.**

March 2. 17. Capt. Jeffry Pearce to the Navy Comrs. The Dover is ready to take in her provisions. Asks for an order on the shipwright at Woolwich, to deliver him a boat for the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. 18. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Furzer has surveyed the ship now building, and condemned some of the timbers, which are to come out. The work goes on slowly for want of timber, but Mr. Baylie pretends that he has a great deal coming in. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Bristol.

March 2. 19. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Has come into the Rolling Grounds by order of Sir Wm. Coventry. Requests consideration of his men having 30 months' pay due, either some money to relieve their poor families, or an order to give them tickets for some certain time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Blackamoore pink.

March 2. 20. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships named. The delay of the Harwich agent prevents his sending the February account. They have neither killed oxen nor brewed beer this week, but continue baking. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Ipswich.

March 2. 21. John Shales to Sam Pepys. Victualling of 11 ships named. No flesh was slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Portsmouth.

March 2. 22-26. Warrants from Lord Arlington to Leonard Williams, *alias* Wm. Leving, to search for Major Blood, Timothy Butler, Capt. Lockyer, — Jones *alias* Mene Tekel, and Col. Hen. Danvers; to seize them, and any instruments of war that may be in the places where they are seized, and bring them before him, if taken in London or Westminster, or, if in the country, before the nearest deputy lieutenant or justice of peace. Five papers.
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- March 2. Minute of the preceding warrants, and of others to search for Major Lee, Capt. Sam. Wise, Edw. Wilkinson, Ralph Alexander, — Spurway, John Carew, Lieut. Simeon Butler, Chris. Dawson, Dr. Edw. Richardson, and Jeremiah Marsden. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 374.*]
- March 2. Commission for John Tyrwhit(?) to be lieutenant to Baggot's company in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 140a.*]
- March $\frac{2}{12}$. 27. Mark De Nantes, capuchin, to his cousin, M. Bidon, at Nantes. M. Parant's, London. Can only sell M. Bidon's coat for 15 livres, but would try to send it him if there should be peace between England and France, and would also send him over his elder brother. Madame Barbier is in distress to hear that her son is dead; asks if he had the last sacrament. M. Modeste wants to know if his cousin Urban was one of the 13 prisoners delivered. Wishes he would send his letters by the Capuchins in London. [*French.*]
- March 2. 28. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet is laden, and Newcastle. waits a fair wind and the convoys that are yet in Scotland.
- March 3. 29. M. Scott to Williamson. Capt. John Carr, a Scots privateer, Berwick. has brought a prize into Leith, laden with copper, oil, and stock fish.
- March 3. 30. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A privateer brought in a pre- Falmouth. tended Ostender bound for Bourdeaux, but as she had lead on board, and other prohibited goods, and was bound to an enemy's port with ammunition, it is thought she will prove good prize. The St. Anne of Ostend, from Nantes, reports a great stop through France upon Flemish vessels, and a general rumour of war between France and Spain. The Greenwich has brought in a prize laden with wine, brandy, and prunes, and left after delivering her to the Commissioners. The St. Michael of Ostend, coming from Burneffe, reports that there and at Nantes(?) there was a very great press for seamen, and one who refused to serve was immediately hanged. The Dragon has gone, after being six days in port.
- March 3. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Great haste is made to ship Portsmouth. the soldiers for Barbadoes under Lord Willoughby. The Jersey is added to the ships bound for their transport. The Fountain is ready to sail with the Guinea bound ships. Sir Jas. Modyford will sail with Lord Willoughby for Providence Island.
- March 3. 32. Certificate by Thos. Covell, that he has received a bill prefixed for 23*l.* 5*s.* from Mr. Moore, for trees and work supplied for Lord Arlington at Euston, and has paid 12*l.* in part thereof, but wishes it to be assessed by a better judgment than his own. [*2 pages.*]
- March 4. 33. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. Sends last Dover. month's account. Some of the vessels sailed to the fleet in the Downs in so great a hurry that provisions had to be sent away on the Sabbath, which gave rise to much confusion. His promised salary is much needed; being a stranger at the port, expects little

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favour. Hears they intend rating him very highly towards the poll tax, but believes he is exempt, as one of those "persons who are in muster and pay, at land or sea," although he cannot make the Commissioner there understand so. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4.
Gravesend.

34. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Has sought advice on the best way to prosecute the fellow for forgery, so that his honour may not be troubled to attend the Assizes. The person to whom the ticket was offered for sale is, like the writer, bound over to prosecute. Mr. Atkins, deputy recorder of Gravesend, thinks his honour's hand on the ticket, with the declaration endorsed, will be sufficient to convict the person. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4.
Conpill.

35. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Went to Bristol and viewed the works executed by Mr. Baylie on the third-rate ship, and by advice of Badcock the carpenter, rejected certain timbers. Complains of non-compliance and backwardness about carriage of timber; has been forced to obtain some elsewhere to launch upon. Will try to get the ship launched by the 13th or 14th instant. The boatswain requires money to impress and pay seamen, without which they cannot be brought on. Having so often made known how badly matters stand for want of money, shall say no more about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4.
Whitehall.

36. Lord Arlington to the Navy Comrs. Last summer the King ordered in Council that all places falling vacant in any hospital or elsewhere in his gift should be bestowed on crippled seamen and soldiers, and gave strict injunctions to his secretaries of state and other ministers not to offer them to, or move him on behalf of any other person. Knows not what effect the order has had elsewhere, but has been careful to see it observed in his own office. Desires a list of maimed and crippled seamen and soldiers in need of this charity, so that provision may be made for them as vacancies occur. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4.

37. "Advices received," being notes by Williamson from letters calendared above, and from others, as follow:—

Lyme, March 2: A Guernsey vessel reports those islands in good position, on receipt of their recruits. Most of the French land forces are drawn into Picardy, and the sea forces about Brest. They have still an embargo and a great press. Great fleets of Dutch ships pass in view of the isles, where some frigates might be very serviceable. A Jersey privateer has taken a French wine prize.

Plymouth, March 1: A Bruges vessel reports that 30 French men-of-war and 6 vessels laden with soldiers have arrived there, bound for St. Christopher's; also 10 or 12 Dutch merchantmen, which are to pass northwards. As the frigates get ready at Brest, they are sent to Rochelle; 7 French men-of-war are said to be off Ushant.

Dartmouth, March 1: Capt. Marshall, a privateer, brought into Salcombe a prize with Bourdeaux wines, which is ordered to be sent to Southampton.

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Weymouth, March 2 : At Farthing, near Dorchester, a fire burnt down four dwelling houses and four barns, endangering the whole town. [*2½ pages.*]

March 4.
Whitehall.

38. Petition of Thos. Earl of Cleveland and Philadelphia Lady Wentworth to the King, to accept a surrender of the patent, granted Aug. 24, 1664, by request of the said Earl and the late Lord Wentworth, his son, to Sir Wm. Smith, Bart., to keep a weekly market and yearly fair at Mile End Green, Stepney, which is their ancient inheritance, and also a court of pleas, with the same privileges as the Marshalsea; and to grant a patent extending the privileges of the court, as those of the Marshalsea have lately been amended, desisting from a request for two market days instead of one, as that would require an *ad quod damnum*. With reference thereon to Solicitor General Finch, and his report in favour of the petition, confining the court to personal actions of 5*l.* value.

March 4.

Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 244.*]

March 4.
Weymouth.

39. John Pocock to James Hickes. Has received his of the 28th.

March 4.
Pendennis.

40. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Greenwich has brought in a wine prize from Nantes, and has gone to sea again with the Dragon. The Flying Greyhound prepares to follow, but the Gerard remains.

March 4.
Truro.

41. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Departure of the Greenwich and other frigates towards the coast of Brittany, on notice of a fleet of 22 French vessels, bound home from the Straits.

March 4.
Aldborough.

42. Rich. Brown to James Hickes. Priestwood, the postmaster at Ipswich, cries *peccavi* for what is past, but promises amendment. Will report any failure. Colchester and Witham should have a sharp line, for neglect both of mails and expresses.

March 4.

Warrant to allow to Hugh May, paymaster of the works, 120*l.* a year additional for salary to Phil. Packer, whom he is allowed to appoint deputy, on account of extraordinary business, and to Packer's clerk. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 231.*]

March 5.

43. Account of the daily expenses of a person not named, going to Winchester and Porchester to seek after the nine prisoners, from March 1–5; total, 4*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, and 1*l.* gratuity to the marshal of the prison. [*French, 1½ pages.*]

March 5.
Portsmouth.

44. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The captain of the fire-ship who went with the St. Patrick is to be shot to-day; at his own request, it is to be on board the ship which he commanded. Lord Willoughby will have all the soldiers on board to-day, and sail in a day or two, with two frigates for convoy; a third goes in company with several good merchant ships for Guinea.

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- March 5. 45. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Is sorry the Duke of Buckingham
Dover. is so over-seen. The son of Capt. Saunders, who was killed in the
St. Patrick, and the surgeon have returned, being set at liberty by
the captain who took them. They say if the men had stood to
their guns, they had saved the ship, but when the captain was
killed, 30 ran into the hold. The wind prevents the Flanders and
French packets coming in. There is much talk of peace with
France. Sends the account of the custom house shallop for last
month.
- March 5. 46. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Oxford and Orange lie in
Aldborough. Ousely Bay, waiting for vessels to convoy northwards. Sir Phil.
Parker, colonel of a militia regiment, and most of his officers have
thrown up their commissions, because Sir Hen. Felton, a deputy
lieutenant, desired a captain's commission for a friend, and instead
thereof, brought down a commission for lieutenant-colonel. It is ill
taken in the country that such persons cannot agree, and they
would be at a loss if there were any need to raise the foot.
- March 5. 47. Chas Whittington to Williamson. The fleet of 200 colliers
Hull. and 2 hoys, laden from Stockwich on the King's account with
wood, left the Humber, wind N.N.W. An Ostender, laden with
wine from France, met five miles off the Humber a small Holland
privateer of 36 men, who came on board, broke all the cabin on
pretence of searching for papers, and took a tierce of wine. The
writer's father is much indisposed.
- March 5. 48. Sir John Webster to the King. Is informed that a warrant
Hague. is out to call him to England, where he would rejoice to appear,
were he not involved in a tedious process of law against some
relatives, who pretend that 11,800*l.* of his money, which they were
to pay for purchase of his land, was brought to his house during
his absence, and has been stolen, and accuse him of treason. Finds
the Court of Holland zealous in administering justice. Begs licence
to remain for himself, and also for Nath. Newcomen, a poor preacher,
living quietly at Leyden, who has a wife and five children all sickly,
has done nothing towards printing or dispersing books, and has
constantly prayed for the King and Council. Pensionary De Witt
wishes him to propose an exchange of prisoners, man for man of like
quality, and offers 40*s.* for every ordinary man, and a month's pay
for every officer.
- March 5. 49. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order from
Plymouth. the Prize Comrs. for the delivery to the Navy Comrs. of 20 bales of
Noyals from a prize. An Amsterdam ship of 500 tons is in port,
which would carry 50 guns, and was built in 1663; asks whether
she is to be sold as first ordered, or kept for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 5. 50. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for the
Ipswich. last month. No ships have been victualled since his last. The Pearl
frigate is expected at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 5. 51. Edw. Sherburne, Ri. Marsh, and Geo. Clarke, to the Navy
Ordnance Office. Comrs. Hear from Mr. Furzer, shipwright at Bristol, that the new
third-rate ship will not be ready until Michaelmas. Ask when the
provisions for the St. David will be shipped, that their stores may go
with the same convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 5. 52. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends accounts for January
Plymouth. and February. Cannot obtain either warrants or certificates from
the pursers for the victualling, so as to know their beginning and
ending, but supposes they are all brought in at the making up of
their accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6 53. Charles Bennet to Lord Arlington. The goods from the
Moore are landed, and in Mr. Clifford's house, and Mr. Povey will
consider of their conveyance; sends an account of them; has told
the farmers of customs that no goods shall be protected by his lord-
ship, to defraud them of their dues. *Annexing,*

53. I. "*The Custom House entry at sight,*" being notices of
goods landed from the Moore of Rotterdam for Lord Ar-
lington, Adr. Beyer, and Lord Kievit. March 4, 1667.

53. II. *Accounts of goods landed from the Moore of Rotterdam,*
by order of Lord Arlington, consisting of 1,007 lime
trees, cheeses, salmon, &c. March 6, 1667.

March 6. 54. Warrant to pay to Hen. Earl of Thomond 20*l.* a year,
Whitehall. allowed him by his patent of creation, with arrears from the date
thereof. [*Damaged.*]

March 6. 55 Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The Dutch privateer that took
Lynn. two Wells vessels is still cruising about, and three other pickeroons
have been seen 12 miles to the southward. Hopes the Portsmouth
and Cygnet, which wait weather to get out, will clear the coast.

March 6. 56. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above; also
from the following:—

[Hull,] March 4: The colliers left the Humber on Friday, but
were put back by cross winds, and one taken by a caper.

Lyme, March 4: A vessel has gone with provisions for Jersey and
Guernsey.

March 6. 57. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There is no news in those
Norwich. parts.

March 6. 58. C. Sanderson to Williamson. Is sorry to receive no reply
nor instructions how to deal with the person named in his letters;
presumes the 40*l.* is paid. The person is promised his quarter's pay,
due May-day next, beforehand. Asks if the rumour in the north of
peace with the Dutch is true.

March 6. 9. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. The people are mad for peace,
Norwich. and unless it come soon, those manufacturing parts cannot subsist,
Is weary of acting upon the Poll Bill; there are so many starting
holes that, without some remedy, there will be a very small sum
raised.

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March 6. Warrant to pay to Eliz. Lady Cornwallis the year's arrears of a pension of 500*l.* a year granted her, notwithstanding the warrant for stay of pensions. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 232.*]

March [6]. 60. Draft of the above.

March 6. Commission for Rich. Earl of Burlington to be lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 375.*]

March 6. Grant to Henry Harris of the office of yeoman or keeper of the royal apparel for masques and disguisings, horse trappings, jousts, tourneys, &c.; fee, 6*d.* a day and a yearly livery. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 375.*]

March 6. Warrant for a grant to Bevil Skelton, George Arnet, and George Coldham, of three-fourths of certain arrears of excise discovered by them as due from Mr. Doughty and other sub-commissioners in cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, before Dec. 1660. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 376.*]

March [6]. Docquet of the above.

March 6. Warrant to John and Jos. Roettiers to engrave a great seal of England, of the same form as that now in use, to be given to His Majesty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 377.*]

March 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Hen. Wood, treasurer and receiver general to the Queen-Mother, 30,000*l.* for her allowances for the present year, the same to be assigned on some convenient part of the revenue. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 378-9.*]

March 6. 61. Draft of the above.

March [6]. Docquet of the above.

March 7. Warrants to the Lieutenant of the Tower to deliver Jones, Joplin, and Atkinson to George Sawyer, to be conveyed to York; to John Warcup to convey them under sufficient guard; to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire to receive them, for treasonable designs; and to all mayors, bailiffs, &c., to assist them in the hiring of horses. Minutes. [*Ent. Book, 23, p. 378.*]

March 7. 62. Invitation ticket for Jos. Williamson to accompany the funeral of Thos. Vynier from Devonshire House, without Bishopsgate, to St. Katherine Crechurch, Leadenhall Street, at 2 p.m., March 7, 1667, the funeral to be at 4 p.m.

March 7. Reference to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge and such other doctors as are the ordinary visitors, of the petition of John Fuller, fellow of Sidney Sussex College, complaining of the injury done him through the representations of some people. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 244.*]

March 7. Reference to Lord Treas. Southampton of the petition of Thos. Richardson Barron of Cramond, for a grant for 99 years of so much of Kingswood Forest, co. Gloucester, as shall be thought fit, on treaty with the tenants. [*Ent. Book, 18, p. 245.*]

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March 7. 63. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Three frigates have convoyed
Aldborough. 150 laden colliers southward. It blows hard N.E., so that no sails
have been seen.

March 7. 64. Jos. Williamson to Mr. Cartwright. Thanks him for his
Whitehall. letters, and begs continuance of his friendship.

March 7. 65. [H. Muddiman] to Jeoffry Daniel, of Marlborough. News-
Whitehall. letter. The commission of the lieutenancy of Yorkshire is taken
from the Duke of Buckingham and committed to Lord Burlington.
The Swedes have sent to advise the Dutch not to decline the King's
gracious offer of the Hague as the place of treaty. The King of
Denmark would be glad of an accommodation in any place; he
has confiscated, on account of losses sustained in the war, all
pretensions and moneys due by him or his subjects to the
King's subjects, including 170,000 rixdollars which he owes to
the merchant adventurers of Hamburg. News from Poland, Hol-
land, and France. There have been so many robberies lately that
a new office of Marshal of England is erected, with a fee of 50*l.* a
month, and power to seize and examine all suspected persons, and
keep the road clear of highwaymen. The serjeant-at-arms, sent to
the Duke of Buckingham's house at Stamford, reached it on the
21st, at 6 p.m., but could not gain admittance, though he presumed
the Duke was there, so he left a summons. The Duke is said to be
privately in town, endeavouring to be re-admitted to the King's
favour. It is reported that 15 Dutch men-of-war have passed
Portsmouth, some say designed for Guinea, others for the Barbadoes.
The Monmouth, a frigate of 60 guns, has been launched at Chatham.
Lord Vaughan, son of the Earl of Carbery, who married the Lord
Treasurer's daughter, is dead. The son of Sir Edw. Griffin, trea-
surer of the chamber, has newly declared his marriage with the Earl
of Suffolk's daughter, commemorated, it is said, some time since.
The Duchess of Buckingham has come to town, that by her solici-
tations, with those of her sister, the Duchess of Richmond, and
what other interest she can make, the King may be prevailed on to
pardon the Duke. Reports from Malaga of prizes taken by Tangiers
vessels. Two French vessels brought into Malaga a small Bristol
prize, laden with corn. The judges sit diligently to settle the con-
cerns of those interested in London; a draft of the streets, with
their breadth, length, and manner of building, is to be presented to
the King. With other particulars from letters calendared above.
[3 pages.]

March 8. 66. John Tooker to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of
attendances on the Sub-commissioners of Prizes, between 15th Feb.
and 8th March, to receive hemp, and the Sub-commissioners' accounts
for expenses, &c., thereon. Was put off from day to day; told
them that he came by their honours' appointment, when Mr. Comp-
troller Bennett answered, that their honours "were good at having,
but it would prove in the end to be a bag-pudding," and asked who
would bear the hazard of the river, weather, embezzlement, &c.

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Was opposed by Bennett, but as soon as he was gone, renewed his motion to Messrs. Rumbold and Clifford, and obtained their consent to the delivery of the hemp. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

March 8. 67. Edw. Sherburne, Fras. Nicholls, and Ri. Marsh to the Navy
Ordnance Office. Comrs. Ask what junk can be spared to distribute to several places where it is needed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. 68. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. The Recovery, a privateer
Pembroke. of 12 guns, belonging to Northbury, Carmarthenshire, has sailed from Pembroke.

March 8. 69. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

March 8. Proclamation for apprehension and conveyance to the Tower of
Whitehall. George Duke of Buckingham, for holding secret correspondence, and raising mutinies among the forces, and seditions among the people; he having resisted the messenger sent to apprehend him, and withdrawn to some obscure place. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 241.*]

March 8. 70. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and one from Burlington, March 2, that the Hampshire has left the Humber and passed by Flamborough northwards.

March 9. 71. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The wind has blown a storm
Aldborough. north-east. A galliot, said to be an enemy's man-of-war, has sailed southwards.

March 9. 72. Thos. Stower, postmaster of Colchester, to James Hickes.
King's Head. Is not at all to blame about the Harwich bag; kept the Ipswich mail from 4 to 8 at night waiting for it, but it did not come till 9; then sent a boy with a very good horse to meet the mail at Witham, but he, hearing it was only a mile before him, went to Chelmsford instead; only knew of this from Williamson's letter. Begs to be excused to Sir Phil. Frowde.

March? 73. And. Carr, postmaster of Harwich, to James Hickes. Did not know of the bags being behind hand, because the boy had been afraid to tell him; the horse threw the boy and rode off 8 or 9 miles without him; the boy failing to meet the mail at Colchester or Witham, sent the bag by an Ipswich coachman, who promised to deliver it. Thinks it hard to have a messenger sent for him for this first offence. Hopes the present bag may come well, but the snow is deep enough to bury horse and man too.

March 9. 74. Silas Taylor to James Hickes. Mr. Carr is so respectful to
Harwich. all persons, that in compliance with their lazy humours, he waits their leisure, and the mail is belated. On receipt of Williamson's severe reproofs, he says he will not stay after his fixed hour for any one.

March 9. 75. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather is bad with frost,
Harwich. snow, and tempest; the snow and hail keep the Rolling Grounds

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out of sight. A boat with anchors and cables for the Orange, which is in Ousely Bay and feared to be in distress, cannot go to her. The Little Victory has groped its way to the shore.
- March 9. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the unloading of the St. Barbara from Rochelle, laden with salt, and driven by stress of weather into Falmouth. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 379.*]
- March 9. 76. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to authorize payment to Sir Thos. Teddeman of 1,000*l.* of the King's free gift, from the proceeds of the sale of the St. Gertrude of Amsterdam. [*Damaged.*]
- March 9. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 400.*]
- March 9. 77. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Atkins considers their last Gravesend. letter sufficient, and they need not trouble themselves to inform the judges; will wait on the judges at their chamber with Mr. Atkins, and will inform them of his desire, and of all other matters to prove the man guilty of forgery. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 9. 78. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of seven ships Portsmouth. named. Ninety-five hogs have been slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 9. 79. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships named Ipswich. Began to brew this week, but discontinued it through the very frosty weather and great fall of snow, the like of which has not been known for many years. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 9. 80, 81. Accounts by Christopher Corney, muster master of the Vice-Admiral's division of the White's division, of muster books belonging to 10 ships named, delivered by him into the Navy Office between Aug. 18 and Oct 7, 1666. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 10. 82. Sir William Sinclair to Sir Wm. Coventry. Desires con- Lerwick. sideration for Capt. Bond and his company, who have been 28 months attending and waiting on the service of the garrison, and constantly journeying between there and Leith in all weathers. They never received any pay, save the provisions for their ship, are in great want of clothes, and have wives and families at home in a starving condition. Begs him to speak to the Duke of York, that they may be paid, or be otherwise provided for; always found them faithful and honest. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
82. I. *Account by George Towgh, pilot, and Walter Skeelon, of the freight of the galliot of which George Strachan is master, from Scotland to London and vice versa.*
Leith, Jan. 4, 1667.
82. II. *List of the furniture and fittings of the galliot; valued at 50*l.* by George Towgh. Headed "A memorandum for Edward Bond."*
Leith, Jan. 4, 1667.

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- March 10. Portsmouth. 83. Francis Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The surgeon of the Sweepstakes is in London for a recruit of medicine. He has not been from his ship since he entered, and has not received any money since the pay of his imprest and free-gift. Has given him orders to return, expecting to be fit for sea in a few days. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 10. Northampton. 84. J. Summers to John Barcroft, serjeant-at-arms. Being the King's servant, wishes the same privileges in his place as others have. Since Mr. Muddiman's letter to Mr. Ives of the Swan, the Gazette, which was looked upon considerably, is never asked for. Wishes that letter suppressed, or a news-letter from one of Mr. Williamson's clerks every Tuesday night; will requite the favour as others do. Wishes to have his privileges as postmaster, that some of the fanatic meetings at other houses may be prevented.
- March 11. Swansea. 85. John Man to Williamson. Has no news in those parts.
- March 11. Coventry. 86. R. H. to Williamson. Those parts are sterile of news. Description of a monstrously mis-shapen child, born to a smith in the city, with one eye, one ear growing on the shoulder, no fingers on the left hand, but a very long thumb which grew into the neck, &c.; also of a lamb born without head, seven legged, and claw-footed like a dog, which lived some time. Mr. Temple, who was prisoner there, got out of gaol by a wile, taking with him a horse of Mr. Devereux, who lives in the town. Was told by a strange gentleman that he saw the Duke of Buckingham not many days ago, at Sir George Villiers' house in Leicestershire. It is reported that his chief offence is his activity against Papists, and in behalf of nonconformists, which makes him popular with some, though sober men believe otherwise. Reports are brisk that Sir Rich. Temple, with four or five more of the House of Commons, is secured in the Tower. The poll money is diligently collecting.
- March 11. 87. "Advices," being notes of news, as follow:—
 Hull, March 8: The Hampshire was seen off the head, but may have been put into Burlington by the N.E. wind.
 Newcastle, March 5: The colliers wait the convoy expected with the Tiger. A Scotch privateer has taken a considerable prize, and many fishers are taken.
 Plymouth, March 8: The fleet bound eastward is put back by contrary winds.
 Portsmouth, March 10: The Barbadoes and Guinea fleet sailed for Cowes, and have this morning put to sea.
 Falmouth, March 6: Capt. Manning's privateer is gone for Helford, and will seek for prizes in company with the Gerard; the St. Andrew, from the Canaries, is gone to unlade her wine in London; 30 sail, supposed to be colliers, have passed.
 Newcastle, March 8: 28 sail are reported to have been seen off Tynemouth, either the convoy from Scotland or those attending the colliers. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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March 11. 88. Philosophical transactions, No. 23, being the papers read in the Royal Society on March 11, with a preface to the third year of those transactions. [24 pages, printed.]

[March 11.] 89. Petition of Henry Flory, Thos. Roe, and four other Merchants of London to the King, for release of their goods, which are seized at Plymouth, where the Fortune of Ostend was driven by stress of weather, because some linen on board was entered in a Frenchman's name, to avoid danger from the French, and was imported contrary to proclamation; the goods would have been home earlier, but for being restrained at Morlaix.

March 11. 90. Copy of the above.

March ? 91. Petition of Capt. George Bagge to the King, for recommendation to the first vacancy in Sutton's Hospital, or the Poor Knights of Windsor; served the late King till banished to Barbadoes, and has since served against the Dutch. *Annexing,*

91. I., II. *Forms of letters from the King to the Governor of Sutton's Hospital and the [Dean and Chapter] of Windsor, recommending Capt. George Bagge to admission the first vacancy.* March, 1667.

March 11. The King to [the Governors of Sutton's Hospital]. Recommends George Bagge for the first vacant place there, he having been a loyal captain in the late war as deputy governor of Plymouth, then banished to the Barbadoes, and now wanting provision for his old age. With minute of a like letter for the place of a poor knight of Windsor for him. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 232.*]

March 11. Pass for Sir Bernard Gascoigne into England. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 400.*]

March 11. Warrant to pay 20,000*l.* to Col. William Legg, out of the poll tax money and the 11 months' tax ordered last Parliament, for strengthening and enlarging certain fortifications. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 400.*]

March 11. Warrant for a lease to Henry Philpott of Nortley Thornes and other lands, part of the New Forest, co. Hants. [*Ent. Books 23, p. 401; and 72, p. 45.*]

March 11. 92. Draft of the above.

March 11. Warrant to the Ordnance Officers to take off the Ordnance poundage of 6*d.* per pound paid to William Legg on saltpetre, powder, &c., granting him instead 10*s.* in the 100*l.* on saltpetre, gunpowder, &c., to be paid from the moneys allowed for saltpetre, and 1,000*l.* to be paid at once, as poundage on moneys already paid to the East India Company for saltpetre. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 402.*]

March 11. Warrant for Captain Widdrington to have Windehund *alias* the Bloodhound, a galliot hoy of 50 tons. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 407.*]

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March 11. 93. Certificate by Sir John Lawson, 18 March 1665, that he was on board the London in Chatham River, 26 February 1665, and found a large quantity of wood about the ship, and also some empty water casks, which he threatened to throw overboard if they were not removed by the purser. Also, on the same paper,

Two affidavits of G. Dam, late purser of the London, that there were about 21,000 billets of wood, 80 dozen of candles, and some empty water casks, iron hoops, and bags on board the said ship when she blew up. Sworn before [Sir?] John Frederick, 11th March 1666. With note that the original is with Mr. Lewis for allowing the empty casks. [*Adm. Paper, copy.*]

March 11. 94. Ph. Pett, Wm. Rand, and John Brooke, governors of the
Chatham. chest, to the Navy Comrs. Send as ordered the list of all seamen and soldiers who, by loss of limb or other damage received in the present war, are incapacitated from gaining a livelihood. It is a work involving much time and labour, as at least 1,200 orders must be inspected, to subtract those concerned with an unbiased hand. Mr. Gregory will use all diligence in its performance, and they will further its dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 11. 95. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a surgeon,
The Unity, as there is need of one at this time. The soldiers who came on
Sheerness. board are thin and poorly clothed, and many of them sick, and out of 19 hardly one is worth his keep, being all poor silly lads and raw country fellows. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. 96. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Gives particulars of goods
Dover. received into the stores from the Truelove hoy, sent from the stores at Deptford. The smith is unable to work for want of iron. Desires that arrears may be speedily paid, or the King's business cannot go on; the nonpayment of the imprest bill has put a great damp upon it; has many hard words from the workmen, for want of their money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. 97. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Has paid off the
Katherine yacht, notwithstanding all the advertisements to
Buoy of the the pursers, is much obstructed by their negligence. The purser
Nore. of the Sorlings, a master of defence, as he is called, was defective in his books in all respects, and but for the captain's undertaking that the books should be ready by to-morrow morning, would have seen him clad in irons, as he justly deserved. Thinks it would be easier to pay the Blackamoor pink by her coming up than by going down to the Rolling Grounds to her. Lost the forenoon waiting in vain on the Sorlings; if they will have the service carried on cheerfully, they must soundly punish the pursers for their negligence and other gross abuses, as they dishearten those poor seamen that are as forward to serve His Majesty when kindly dealt with as they are to spend their money when they get it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. 98. Petition of Charles Duke of Richmond and Partners to the King. Six bales of cloth, taken from a French vessel by a privateer

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in which they were interested, as belonging to the Dutch, were adjudged lawful prize and decreed to the captor; but when the war broke out with France, five of them were condemned for His Majesty; meanwhile three were privately ripped open and the cloth stolen. Beg a grant of His Majesty's interest therein, to defray their charges.

March 12. 99. W. Jemmett, sen., to Mr. Rycaut. The French mail and two
9 A.M.,
Dover. Flanders mails arrived on the 10th at 10 p.m., but could not be forwarded because of the snow; the Flanders mail from London, due last Saturday, only arrived last night. Wal. Fennis' Dover letters are lost. *Annexing,*

99. 1. *Extract from a letter from [Flanders?]. Walter Fennis arrived on the $\frac{4}{14}$. The mail was ready, and 20 passengers; also 24 boys, prisoners from Holland, under conduct of Mr. Mercer, a factor of Lord Arlington's, who were anxious to be gone, but Fennis deferred sailing till the 16th, when all the above and five or six more passengers embarked; but the wind changing, they were driven ashore and perished by cold, except 15 persons. Fennis and Mr. Mercer are both lost; fished up the papers and the mail, which he sends to Lord Arlington.*

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March 12. 100. War. Jemmet, sen., to Mr. Rycaut. The Flanders mail
Noon,
Dover. which left Nieuport last night has just come in, with five letters from Antwerp and two from Ghent.

March 12. 101. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Hampshire has
Hull. brought in a prize, taken off Scarborough after seven hours' chase; 40 seamen and the captain and lieutenant were sent on shore, and are all committed to custody, and the vessel delivered to the prize officers. Wants an answer to the enclosed to Lord Arlington.

March 12. 102. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Williamson. Sends- an account
Portsmouth. of stores issued for soldiers shipped for the Barbadoes. Wants Lord Arlington's order for their delivery as soon as possible.

March 12. 103. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Arrival and departure of Sweden
Deal. and Hamburg vessels. The wind is high, with very much snow for five or six days, which has prevented people's travel and the post.

March 12. 104. John Clarke to Williamson. The wind has driven in
Plymouth. 30 sail of ships pretending to belong to Ostend, Bruges, Nieuport, Hamburg, &c., but it is supposed some belong to Holland. Cornelius Tyson, steersman in one of them, is said to be an eminent Hollander, and all the crew but one are Dutchmen. Tyson has been examined before the Commissioners of Prizes and Judge of the Admiralty, and is committed to the marshal's custody; others are under examination.

March 12. 105. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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March 12. Reference to Lord Treas. Southampton of the petition of Thos. Carter, powder maker, for payment of 3,525*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, requiring the assignment made so long ago to the petitioner and others in his condition to be complied with, and payments made. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 246.]

March 13. 106. Sir J. Reresby to Williamson. Has received a proclamation for the discovery of the Duke of Buckingham, but without any order to publish it; however, the King being so nearly concerned, thought it his duty to do so. Asks if he has thus fulfilled the intention of its being sent.

March 13. 107. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Two small French men-of-war chased the St. Andrew of Bilboa almost within command of Falmouth Castle. An Ostender, laden with wines from Bourdeaux, reports that she left France three weeks ago, for fear of a stop, as an embargo on all Flemish vessels was talked of.

March 13. 108. ——— to the Bishop of London, Lord Almoner. Requests Whitehall. him to admit Wm. Sterne, for many years a laborious servant in the King's house, now very aged and necessitated, to be one of the Maunday men this year.

March 13. 109. Lady Wentworth to [Williamson]. Is zealous to serve the Earl of Cleveland's family, of which Lord and Lady Lovelace are principal, though Lord Lovelace tries to prejudice his wife against her. If his lordship disquiet the family affairs, he will only hurt himself. Is anxious to contribute to the amity of the family, and if Lord and Lady Lovelace will study the preservation of Lord Cleveland and his grandchild, the writer's daughter, as she will do that of them and their children, all will be well. Offers to refer all things to the Solicitor General, who is Lady Lovelace's friend, in order that Lord Lovelace may be freed from danger, and the little remnant of Lord Cleveland's estate be left to his family; does this to show her peaceable desires, not from fear of being unable to defend the estate against Lord Lovelace.

March 13. Warrant to Sir Herbert Price, Bart., master of the household, to preserve the game within the hundred of Hemlingford, co. Warwick. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, p. 129.]

[March 13.] Commission for Sir Herbert Lunsford to be captain of a company of foot in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 140*a.*]

March 13. Commissions for Henry Bell to be ensign, and Thos. Henshaw lieutenant to Sir Herbert Lunsford's company in the Holland regiment. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 141*a.*]

March 13. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to order the felling of 250 loads of timber in the New Forest for Sandown Castle. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 104.]

March 13. Privy seal to pay to Sir George Carteret the monthly sum of 761*l.* 12*s.*, being the pay of six additional companies in the Admiral's

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regiment, under command of Sir Chichester Wray, and 496*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* monthly for four additional companies in the Holland regiment, under Col. Rob. Sidney, to commence from 22nd July 1666. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 404.]

March 13. Privy seal for 67*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for Mary Scott, being the half of 134*l.* 7*s.* forfeited by Sam. Tyrrell, for bringing in six pipes of Canary wine, contrary to the Act. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, pp. 405-7.]

March 13. Warrant for a grant to Sir Wm. Smith, nominee of the Earl of Cleveland, and of Philadelphia Lady Wentworth, of power to hold a yearly fair, a market twice a week, and a weekly court for personal actions not exceeding 5*l.*, within the manors of Stepney and Hackney, on their surrender of a former grant permitting the said market only once a week. [*Ent. Book* 23, pp. 405-47.]

March 13. 110. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Henry Adams, master of the John hoy, has given a receipt for and made affidavit of the delivery to the Prince Royal, 29 March 1666, of 15 tuns of water casks, but has no receipt from the purser. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 14. 111. Ja. Hayes to Lord Brouncker. All the wine and brandy taken by the Yarmouth from the Bull was distributed on 15 August amongst the fleet, by order of the Prince and Duke of York, and three captains named were chosen out of each squadron to make the distribution; 445 tuns of French wine were also distributed on 6th September by Sir Thos. Allin and two others, for furnishing 10 days' beverage, at the proportion of two gallons a day for six men. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.]

March 14. 112. Capt. John Earle to the Navy Comrs. Is bound for the *The Nightingale*, Texel with the *Concord* of London. Asks for a pilot acquainted with the coast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 14. 113. H. Muddiman to Geo. Powell, of Pembroke. News-letter. Whitehall. Lord Rochester is admitted of the bedchamber in place of the Duke of Buckingham. The colliers so long detained in the Humber have all arrived safely in the Thames, except one that was taken by a small caper. At Norwich 19 have died, 4 of the plague. There was an alarm at Dover of a fleet of the enemy, because 30 sail came near the shore at midnight, and did not answer to two guns shot towards them, but they proved only light colliers, which had feared to answer lest they should discover their whereabouts to a pickeroon that had chased them. An insurrection was reported at Worcester, but it was only a rabble of some hundreds of apprentices, who wanted to pull down a house or two infamous for keeping women, and they dispersed on the meeting of the trained bands. A party sent out by the Governor of Surinam has destroyed a silver mine near Chayan, where the French are in great want.

Ireland is quiet and in good posture of defence. Cattle brought thence to the western parts have been seized in some places, according to the late Act, but in others not so roughly dealt with.

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The Duke of Buckingham has not surrendered on proclamation, and there is no certainty of his being in London. On Tuesday the Lord Mayor and several Aldermen attended the King at the Lord Chancellor's, to give him satisfaction about the new model of their intended buildings. The Portuguese have not assented to the treaty of reconciliation with Spain, offered them by the English ministers, but have pitched upon a neutrality towards England and France, their King being allied to both. A Yarmouth vessel reports that a Scheveling caper fell in amongst the fishing fleet in the North Seas, and took four Yarmouth vessels, carrying three away and sending the men home in the other, except one man from each vessel, who was taken; it was feared she would take more vessels. The Hampshire is reported to have taken a French sloop. The sickness has broken out at Burlington. The Lord Treasurer's house at Stratton, near Winchester, has most of it been burnt down, and the wardrobe and goods consumed. The Ostend packet-boat was cast away and 35 persons perished, but the letters were preserved, though much wet. The Attorney General is to prosecute the woodmongers, unless they bring in their charter by Friday, that he may report on it to Council. The Dutch carry on preparations for war, but the people are satisfied because they think the peace is in good forwardness in France. [3 pages.]

March 14. 114. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The stormy weather, which has
Aldborough. lasted above a fortnight, has kept vessels from the coast; a few vessels are seen. The Oxford and Orange, after riding three weeks in Ousely Bay, have gone into the Rolling Grounds; the Pearl was aground but got off. All the colliers in harbour are fitting for sea, and 80 able seamen have gone to the coal fleet; they might serve the King when the voyage is over, but they will abscond unless taken out at sea. Asks when Lord Arlington has the Post Office.

March 14. 115. Silas Taylor to James Hickes. Lieut. Suckley is coming
Harwich. to London. Knows no one in the town more fit for the [post-master's] place than Mr. Carr, though but for a few friends he would not keep it; he has a long stage, bad way, and small encouragement; and this winter, letters have sometimes been so few that his penny a letter would hardly buy his boy a dinner.

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March 15. 1. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and also the following:—

Harwich, March 14: The Speedwell and Drake are gone to the Buoy of the Nore to receive pay.

Edinburgh, March 9: A Scotch privateer and a merchant ship are stranded in Kircaldy, and three Dutch men-of-war near St. Andrew's.

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Newcastle, March 12: The convoy from Leith has been driven back thither again. Three vessels are missing.

Minehead, March 12: A Bristol vessel, belonging to the Forest [of Dean], laden with tobacco and wines, was wrecked in King's Road, and two or three hogsheads taken up and rifled by the people. A small bark from St. Lucas, bound for Apsoin, struck upon Newton Sands, but her men escaped in the boat to Devonshire.

Pendennis, March 11: Arrival and departure of vessels. Capt. Marshall, once lieutenant in the *Have-at-all*, has been six weeks in Salcombe Bay with a prize, supposed rich, and has brought her into Helford very empty.

Portsmouth, March 14: The *Bonaventure* is ordered for Barbadoes, and the *Princess* for the Downs.

Berwick, March 20: A Scots vessel belonging to the Leith convoy was cast away near Scrymerston, but most of the men saved.

Weymouth, March 13: 33 great ships have stood W.S.W. A small caper frequents the road.

Lynn, March 13: The *Pearl* is said to have sent in a pickeroon with 40 men to Blackney Haven. Some Dutch seamen have escaped ashore near Blackney.

Margate, March 11: A *Hamburger*, laden with deals, was driven ashore, but the men saved. [2½ pages.]

March 15. 2. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Nine or ten vessels have passed Yarmouth. from the south without convoy; two are of Yarmouth and came in, the rest are Whitby men, and have gone northward. A Dutch caper is reported to be taken and carried into Blackney haven.

March 15. 3. Jo. Cooke to Williamson. Sends a letter for Williamson which he found thrust under the door of his office. Asks his directions concerning M. Petit. Recommends a request of Dr. Duport: the King, at the Archbishop of Canterbury's motion, has signed his recommendation, and he wishes an advertisement to be published in the few next Gazettes.

March 15. 4. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. A Swedish vessel from Ostend reports that the Hollanders are not fitting out their great ships, nor making any great preparations for war, believing there will be a peace.

March 15. 5. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The packet boat is not quite lost, but may be retrieved. To-day's boat was plundered at sea by a Dutch caper, who took two hogsheads of sack, and all that was left by the soldiers and townsmen to some gentlemen who were in the former wrecked boat, but swam for their lives to Nieuport, and came over in this. Will narrowly look after the proclamation, if the person [Duke of Buckingham] come that way.

March 15. 6. John Carlisle to Lord Arlington. The charge of the shallop Dover. of the farmers of the customs, whilst employed by him in His Majesty's service, was 43*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* The farmers are willing to pay

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it, provided they have an order to the Lord Treasurer for defalcation of the same, which they request. *Annexing,*

6. 1. *Account of the expenses of the said shallop in fitting it for sea, wages, &c. July and Sept. 1666.*

March 15. 7. John Carlisle to Williamson. Entreats his assistance in
Dover. obtaining the above-named sum, as the seamen want their money.

March 15. 8. John Clarke to Williamson. It is not likely that any of the
Plymouth. 30 vessels put in will prove Dutch; Tyson is released, not proving to be the person he was supposed to be. A privateer has brought in a vessel, pretending to belong to Stockholm and bound for Hamburg, which is not likely to prove a prize.

March 15. 9. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

March 15. 10. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news this post.
Pembroke.

March 15. 11. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

March 15. 12. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Will postpone the sale
Plymouth. of the St. Gertrude and the Noyals and canvas, in expectation of an order from the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver them for the use of the service. Wishes they had the pitch which was to have been sent by the ships that brought the stores for the St. David. The war stopping all navigation between Bristol and London, no vessel will take a freight for London; his son will freight a ship, if required, or send it to Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 15. 13. Ri Watts to Williamson. A Flemish galliot struck on the
Deal. Goodwin, but the Deal men are fetching it off. A French permission ship of 300 tons came in laden with linen, and is gone up to London.

March 15. 14. John Cox and J. Uthwat to Sir Wm. Batten. Send an
Deptford. account of anchors required for fitting ships at four places on the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 15. 15. Capt. Robt. Shepard to the Navy Comrs. Has been aboard
Buoy of the with Sir John Mennes, and at his request, sends 53 tickets for their
Nore. signature, belonging to men transferred to other ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 15. 16. Capt. T. Fisher to the Navy Comrs. The purser has not been
The Guernsey, aboard since the ship victualled at Sheerness, seven weeks since.
River Tyne. Has appeased the men without his help, but as it is not the first occasion, and causes inconvenience and damage, recommends Christopher Paine, formerly a purser, and who has supplied his place, as more worthy of their warrant for the office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. 17. John Badcock to Sir Wm. Penn. Mr. Baylie consented to
Bristol. calk the rents of the plank, but refused to pitch them, as it was not in his contract. Told him he would have the work done as it was executed in the King's yards; asks for their order that it is to be so. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Gravesend.

18. Rich. Elkin to the Navy Comrs. The person who committed the forgery was convicted and sentenced to pay 20 nobles, to stand in the pillory at Gravesend on two market days, with his crime written before him, and to be imprisoned until the fine was paid. Spoke to Sir John Heath to move the judge that the person might be at their honours' disposal; but to prevent mutiny, he thought it convenient that his punishment should not be otherwise than that mentioned. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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19. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. To similar effect. Sir John Heath gave great assistance, for which he deserves particular thanks. Was advised to fee one of the King's counsel, which he did. The Eagle is still in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16.
Edwinstow.

20. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Particulars as to the means and expense of sending timber from Stockwith to Hull, and its safety while lying there. Mr. Blaydes of Hull offered to build a ketch at the rate of 50s. per ton for the purpose, and bargained with Mr. Lester for the hire of his ketches, to carry three or four loads on trial, at 4s. the ton; but it will be the latter end of April before he can carry any, as there is no water at Bawtrey to load to Hull. It would be safer to send by vessels that would carry 50 or 60 loads. If there should be a dry summer, they may come up to Burton, and thus save 3s. in every load, besides being free from danger. Wm. Dratton, of Stockwith, will build a ketch in six weeks, finding all materials but the ironwork, at 40s. the ton. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

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Ipswich.

21. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. There is an order to suspend brewing and baking until further orders from Squire Gauden. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Bristol.

22. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is prevented launching the ship this spring tide, by want of conveyances for the timber and of seamen to help the boatswain. Has inquired about the 1,000l. ordered, but cannot get it done. Can obtain there all stores required, but it will be an advantage to send the boatswain and cook's stores, of which he sends a list, by the vessels bringing the guns and the gunner's stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Whitehall.

23. H. Muddiman to Sir David Stradling, Glamorganshire. Newsletter. Particulars given in his letter of March 14. Thirty persons perished in the packet boat from Ostend, chiefly boys belonging to the St. Patrick, lately lost. The Algerines seized an English ship, and took it near to Tunis, but whilst the Turks were ashore, the English brought the ship off; the Algerines will do mischief unless there be some ships to awe them. The Amsterdam vessel, which took three Yarmouth fishing boats, is sent prize to Hull. The Rose of Apsam, coming from Cadiz to Bristol, was cast away near Newton Nottage.

An uninhabited house in Bishopsgate Street, well situated to promote a fire, was blown up at 4 a.m., which confirms the jealousy that the former fire was begun by design; 20 have died at Norwich,

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4 of the plague. A new life guard of horse is to be raised under the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Richmond captain, Hen. Fitz-James lieutenant, and Hen. Howard cornet. News from Poland, Turkey, Sweden, and Holland. The Dutch prepare vigorously for war, though the rise from 400 to 450 in their East India accounts shows that they expect peace. The East India Company are said to have given in a memorial of their pretences against the Dutch, because a treaty is now managed in France, between Van Beuningen for the Dutch, the Earl of St. Alban's for England, M. de Lionne for France and M. Petkum for Denmark. The Earl of St. Alban's is said to have demanded the island of Poleron, which the Dutch were to have delivered by the treaty of 1662, but delayed till the war broke out, and then surrendered it to a few English, whom they immediately dispossessed. [3 pages.]

March 16. 24. John Bower to James Hicke. The Guernsey and Hampshire
Bridlington. have sailed for Tynemouth with other vessels, and will convoy back the laden collier fleet.

March 16. 25. Rich Forster to Williamson. Several coasters have come in
Newcastle. laden with corn. Also a Swedish vessel, which was taken by a Flushing and detained 20 weeks; she reports that they are going on fast with their preparations for next spring.

March 16. 26. John Pocock to James Hicke. Thanks for his letter of the
Weymouth. 12th.

March [16 ?] 27. Robt. Leigh to Williamson. Has been long on his journey
Holyhead. from London, through going to see some friends at Lymm in Cheshire, and from the extreme weather in the Welsh mountains. It still continues, so that no packet boats have come from Ireland these three weeks, and those in the harbour dare not venture to sea till the winds grow less. Will go with the first that ventures. Sends compliments to Mr. Munn and Mr. and Mrs. Chiffinch. Forgot to deliver the cyphers in his hands; they are in his desk at his office. Begs his letters forwarding to Dublin. [2 pages.]

[March 16.] 28. Warrant for a presentation of Andrew Walton to the rectory
Westminster. of East Mersey, co. Essex. Endorsed with an expedit, March 29. [Latin.]

March 16. Minute of the above. [Ent. Book 19, p. 57.]

March 16. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the western circuit to re-
prieve Thomas Seymour, in case he should be condemned for the murder of Henry Jones, the King intending to pardon him, as it was done in the heat of blood. [Ent. Book 14, p. 129.]

March 16. Warrant for admission of George Marsh as assistant to his father
Rich. Marsh, in the office of keeper of the ordnance stores, &c., in the Tower, and at Woolwich and Chatham; the reversion of the said place having been granted him 7th Nov. 1649. [Ent. Book 23, pp. 409-10.]

[March 16.] 29. Draft of the above.

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 March 16. Pass for the Baron d'Isola to go into Flanders and to return. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 410.*]
- March 16. Privy seal to pay to George Cock 40,000*l.*, for the sick and wounded and prisoners of war, out of the 1,256,347*l.* 13*s.* granted towards the maintenance of the present war. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 410.*]
- March [16.] Docquet of the above.
- March 16. Warrant for 150*l.* to George Tomlins. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 411.*]
- March 16. Commission for Sir Wm. Browne to be cornet to the Earl of Cleveland's own troop. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 123.*]
- March 16. 30. Estimate of the establishment for a marshal to the Horse
 Whitehall. Guards at 9*s.* a day, besides the pay of a servant who is to be mounted in the King's troop of Guards, but without doing duty as one of the troop; 163*l.* 16*s.* yearly, beginning March 16, 1667.
- March 16. 31. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Begs that Mr. Lloyd may see
 Harwich. his letter about the threee dogger boats. The great fleet of light colliers waits convoys to Newcastle.
- March 16. 32. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Several French and Flemish
 Aldborough. vessels appear off the town, and must be expected, as there are no men-of-war stirring. The Orange and Oxford are in Ousely Bay, but they never budge.
- March 16? 33. [Lord Chancellor Clarendon] to Lord Arlington. Had just
 10 A.M., gone to bed when his letter arrived 11 p.m. last night. Was begin-
 Saturday. ning to write this morning when the King came in, yet thinks this will reach his lordship before the lady will own being out of bed. The King having recommended her such a husband, cannot refuse to take notice of her complaint, and give what redress he can. He will refer the petition, and all matters arising therefrom, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Chamberlain, Bishop of London, Lord Arlington, Lord Holles, and Sec. Morice, to compose differences if they can, if not, to certify to him the state of the case. Will be one of the referees if the lady desire, though not wishing to have anything to do with the knight. Lord Anglesey is her friend, and might be added to the number if she wish it; any three to proceed. Endorsed [by Williamson] "Lady Honora Howard."
- March 17. Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Earls of Clarendon, Manchester, and Anglesey, Lords Holles and Arlington, the Bishop of London, and Sec. Morice, of the petition of Lady Honoria, wife of Sir Rob. Howard, representing how far he is fallen from the contract made at the time of their marriage, and desiring relief. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 246.*]
- March 17. 34. M. Scott to Williamson. Has no news this week.
 Berwick.
- March 17. 35. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Some Swedes, Ostenders, and
 Falmouth. other vessels, which had been some time waiting a fair wind, have sailed.

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March 17. 36. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The ship fetched in by the Deal
Deal. men from the Goodwin is in the Downs, taking in ballast; she is a
Hollander, bound for Nantes. The small rain gives hope that the
great frost now thawing will go away without a flood, which is
almost a miracle, considering the abundance of snow.

March 17. 37. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Utbert and his
Plymouth. squadron have brought in two Dutch and two French prizes, and
taken four more, which were separated by storm. Several colliers
have come in from Wales, which it is hoped will allay the high price
of 40s. a quarter now paid for coals; yet the danger is great for
want of convoy.

March 17. 38. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of eight ships
Plymouth. named with three prizes; three others are not yet come in. The
Garland and Adventure sunk a man-of-war bound for Jamaica, laden
with supplies for ships on that coast. Mr. Lanyon complains
of the want of supplies for the ships; although he has received
sails, rigging, &c., from ships' officers, he will give no account of
credit for them without the Commissioners' order, alleging that
what is so received is in lieu of other goods delivered; is informed
to the contrary by the ships' officers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. 39. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several frigates are going
Portsmouth. to convoy some merchant ships to the Thames.

March 17. 40. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has come to Exeter to the
Exeter. Assizes. Can only say, in reply to his of the 12th, that he believes
no goods were entered or proffered to be entered.

March 17. 41. Certificate by Lord Arlington, on Lady Chesterfield's petition
Whitehall. for allowance according to privy seal of June 10, 1664, for extraor-
dinary service in the Post Office, from 30 June 1665 to 30 Sept. 1666,
on examination of her accounts, that 6,377*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* should be
allowed her for letters of the Dukes of Albemarle and Ormond, and
Lord Lauderdale, and for the extra expenses incurred by war, plague,
&c. [*Copy.*] *Annexing,*

41. I. "*A true representation of the mistake of the 10th of June
for the 31st of August, in the certificate.*"

March 17. Entry of the above, noting an alteration in the date of the privy
seal, from June 10, to August 31, 1664. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 408.*]

March ? 42. Report on a petition of the Countess of Chesterfield for extra
allowances in the Post Office, that she should be allowed for expresses
sent out of course to or from the Dukes of York and Albemarle, on
Admiralty and Navy business, and also for packets and letters sent
by ordinary mails, to or from the Commissioners for prize goods.
[*Draft.*]

March 18. 43. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Comrs. A bill drawn on
The Mary, them in November last for 68*l.* for two new cables received of Wm.
Dublin. Bushell at Liverpool, and accepted, is not yet paid. Bushell requests

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him to let them know that he is still without his money, but is willing to supply another cable, in lieu of that delivered to the Harp frigate by the order of Lord Ormond, as well as sails, cordage, &c., provided he has encouragement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 18.
Yarmouth.

44. [Rich. Bower] to Williamson. Strange reports are spread to make the people believe there is a design to bring in popery; that Lord Townshend is to be put out of the deputy lieutenantship and Mr. Howard put in his place; that the Duke of Albemarle and two or three lords are clapped up in the Tower; that the trained bands in London and about Dover and Deal are disarmed; that the Duke of Buckingham's prosecution arises from his disarming Papists in Yorkshire; that forces are coming down to disarm the trained bands about Yarmouth; such reports gain credit and cause strange jealousies. Thos. Parris, gunner of the port, was sent for before the bailiffs, for spreading some of these, and is bound to appear at the sessions; but the originator of the report is not traced. There are frequent conventicles, and no care taken to suppress them, nor can there be, as the wife of one of the bailiffs is continually amongst them; 200 lately met at Albertson's, within a door or two of bailiff Thaxter's; he told the informer, a chief constable, that he would send for his partner and consider of it, but they considered so long that the birds were flown; the wife of bailiff Huntington was there. The town is not to be trusted in its present condition. Sir Wm. Doyley cannot say so much, lest he should be ungrateful to his friends who brought him in burgess for the town, which friends were afterwards purged out of the house at Yarmouth by the commissioners, and slighted, but have since been so countenanced by him that those who were most zealous for the King's interest have been dejected and are quite cowed out. These are no times either for flattery or aspersion. Will send to the bailiffs the names of some of those who disperse these strange reports.

March 18.
The Jersey,
90 leagues
S.W. of the
Lizard.

45. John Scott to Williamson. Lord Willoughby of Parham, in the John and Margaret, sailed on the 11th, passed the Needles, and was off the Lizard on the 12th; on the 13th, the Jersey gave chase to a ship of Bruges, from Rochelle, which reported that the Holland fleet of 19 sail, from Nantes, Rochelle, &c., was near Ushant. Account of the wind since. Begs to be mentioned when he writes to Lord Willoughby. [*1½ pages.*]

March 18.
Truro.

46. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Two frigates have brought in two salt prizes to St. Ives.

March 18.
The Adventure,
Plymouth.

47. Theophilus Wells to Williamson. Left Plymouth on the 24th, with the Garland, to convoy four vessels 40 leagues without the Soundings. On March 2, a prize was chased, attacked, and struck sail to the Adventure, but the Garland, which had been behind, came up and sent in a boat to take the prize; she refused to surrender to any but the vessel to whom she struck. The lieutenant and 20 men from the Adventure were accordingly sent on board her, and her captain and 16 men sent on board the Adventure. On this the Garland ran into the prize, and broke her down to the

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water; the men tried to save their lives by getting into the Garland, but one was knocked on the head and drowned. The prize belonged to the States of Flushing, and was bound for the West Indies to wait on some ships, and thence to Guinea to destroy all belonging to the English, but had obeyed orders in throwing her packet of letters overboard, if she met with any English ships of war. The Adventure has taken three Dutch vessels since, one after a long fight, but the noble captain worked the ship bravely. There is great press for seamen in France, and as fast as two or three ships are manned, they are sent out. They have several ships of 60 or 70 guns, which threaten to destroy all before them, and a great army of men on the shore, and they pity the miserable condition that will befall England. [2 pages.]

March 18. Warrant for a grant to Horatio Lord Townsend, on surrender of a similar grant, of the 4s. per chaldron, part of the duty payable on sea coals, on rent of 1,000*l.*, with allowance of defalcations of sums received for forfeitures from fraudulent exports of coal. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 412.*]

March 18. Warrant for acceptance of a surrender of the former grant of 4s. a chaldron on sea coal to Lord Townshend, for which he was to pay 2,000*l.* rent. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 412.*]

March 18. Order for a warrant for payment of 2,000*l.* for repair of Richmond Park wall, lodges, houses, gates, &c., according to a report thereon by the surveyor general. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 413.*]

March 18. 48. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Two Holland salt prizes have
Peudennis. been sent into St. Ives; one was preserved by the men who took her, being ready to sink, and her own men wearied out with pumping. Another prize laden with wine and brandy is gone for Plymouth.

March 18. 49. James Hicke to [Williamson]. Wrote to Mrs. Barrow Morton
London. in Berwick, to second his desires about Lady Catherine Murray's business. Wants the four-sheet map, to draw a new scheme of the post roads. Sends such letters as have come to hand.

March 18. 50. Jo. Man to Williamson. Met two seamen belonging to the
Swansea. Robert of Dover, which was separated from the rest of the fleet in returning from Smyrna, and taken 10th December last by a French privateer, who kept the chief mate, boatswain, and a boy, and gave the rest of the crew the boat to go ashore. They landed at Malaga, where the Spaniards took their boat and all they had. They sailed thence in the Hannah of London; she was cast away near Kinsale in January, and all the lading and company lost except five men, and they came thence in the Jonathan of London, now in Milford Haven.

March 18. 51. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. Four vessels arrived from
Lyme. Guernsey report the islands in good condition, and expecting the intended recruits. Three frigates were left with them, also four privateers, which are all gone cruising.

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- March 18. 52. John Lysle to Williamson. The easterly winds have long
West Cowes. prevented ships coming in. The Fortune of Ghent has arrived; she came from Nantes, stayed ten days in Conquet Road, left with seven French vessels laden with salt for the Grande Partie of France, but was plundered by a French privateer, which is gone to cruise in St. George's Channel. She reports 70 good ships of war and fire-ships in Brest, men daily impressed, even the clowns from the plough, and thinks an invasion is intended, either on England or Flanders. Hopes good care is taken about fortifying. Hears that the post office is to fall into Lord Arlington's hands at Lady-day. Asks the place of post-master for the Isle of Wight; would thus be able to give large intelligence, especially through foreigners who resort to the post. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]
- March 18. 53. John Wickens to Williamson. A French privateer chased
Southwold. a small hoy bound northward, but she escaped into Barnard Sand. Begs to have news as Mr. Waynfleet had, and will write on all occasions.
- March 18. 54. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Has no news. The Oxford
Aldborough. and Orange are still in Ousely Bay.
- March 18. 55. John Pocock to Williamson. Three out of several French
Weymouth. masters kept prisoners in the town broke away, stole a small rowing boat, and got away; hopes no mischief to the town may follow; begs that this be not put in the Gazette.
- March 18. 56. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There are 10 coasters in port,
Newcastle. but they will not stir till the convoys daily expected from Scotland come in.
- March 18. 57. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. An embargo is reported to be
Dover. laid in France, on account of 1,000 Frenchmen sent to Holland, to fetch ships to join De Beaufort; it is also said that in France they cry up for peace. Capt. John Holmes, in the Lenox now called the Dover Castle, has taken a fine Holland vessel, laden with cables, which was going to join Beaufort's fleet. There is 43*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* additional due for the men and tackle of the custom house shallop; the men must be paid, though the expected service was not done, but Lord [Arlington] must decide whether he will allow for tackling. This is beside the 12*l.* 5*s.* for men employed last month.
- March 18. 58. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Wants warrants for
Bristol. carriage of 300 loads of timber from Dean Forest to Lydney Pill, 160 loads to be charged on Gloucestershire, and 80 on Herefordshire; also warrants for 200 loads ready on the other side of the Severn. Gives the names of the justices to be inserted in the warrants. Asks if the anchors for the new ships are to be made at Bristol, that timely provision may be made. After much trouble, has procured a bill of exchange for the 1,000*l.* from Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, on his brother, Joseph Langton of London, payable at two days' sight. Shall not receive one penny of

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- it until Sir Thomas hears from his brother that the money is paid. Begs them to hasten payment, as he is very much straitened for want of money. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]
- March 19. 59. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Duke of York is expected
Harwich. about noon. Several vessels came in on Saturday, fearing a storm. There is a report from Yarmouth that six or seven Dutch men-of-war have been seen, and therefore the great collier fleet attempting this morning to go out was stopped.
- March 19. 60. John Clarke to James Hicke. Rear-Admiral Utbert, with
Plymouth. eight frigates, has taken five or six Dutch and French prizes, laden with wine, brandy, and salt.
- March 19. 61. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The merchants interested in
Plymouth. the linen cloth ship report that the ship *Fortune* arrived from Morlaix 15th January, and was seized by the Vice-Admiral on the 16th; her cargo was bought in October last, all for Englishmen, but was seized by the French, and cost much trouble and charge to get it clear. Gives the names of six merchants of London, two of Exeter, two of Lyme, and three of Tiverton concerned. The vessel was bound for Ostend, but forced in by contrary weather. Rear-Admiral Utbert, with six frigates, has taken eight prizes and brought in four; one sank at sea, and the others are in ports in Cornwall. Has sent Lord Arlington the examinations about the *Greyhound* of Flushing, taken by the *Adventure*, and overrun and sunk at sea by the *Garland*.
- March 19. 62. Luke Whittington to Williamson. By Lord Arlington's
Hull. order, has quitted his seizure of the wines to the deputy appointed by the gentlemen interested. Hopes to have timely notice should anything of the kind happen in future.
- March 19. 63. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Privateers are prospering; there
Edinburgh. are 120 in Scotland, who thrive well in their employment.
- March 19. 64. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. Two frigates are convoying
Lynn. 20 ships, chiefly laden with beef, pork, wheat, peas, &c., for the Navy victualler, the rest with wheat, oats, &c., for London. All is peaceable; the Commissioners are sitting to determine grievances in poll bill assessments. The sloop taken was brought into a place 24 miles distant.
- March 19. 65. Sir Philip Frowde to [Williamson]. Sends the letters that
11½ P.M. have come by the French mail, which was longer than usual.
- March 19. 66. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. Has been from home a
Tenby. month about the wreck at Penbury. Hears of several wrecks of Dutchmen that pretend to be Hamburgers, laden with wine and brandy, and lying off Coldey Island. One is of 200 tons, with good force of men and arms, but pretends to be bound for Nieuport.
- March 19. 67. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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- March 19. 68. Petition of the Lord Mayor, &c., of London to the King for
Whitehall. leave to procure and import such quantities of Portland stone as shall be needed to rebuild churches, gates, and other public edifices and private houses about the city, there being none comparable to it for duration and beauty. With reference thereon to Hugh May, paymaster of the works, to give order for the bringing of such quantities of Portland stone as are needed for carrying on the public buildings in the city.
- March 19. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 247.*]
- March 19. 69. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Philip Frowde. The packet
Dover. boat was stopped at Calais till yesterday, because they wished no intelligence to be given of seamen shipped for Amsterdam to fetch the French King's ships.
- March 19. 70. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, to
Whitehall. deliver to Humphrey, Bishop of London, chief almoner, 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be distributed in alms on Maunday Thursday and the ensuing days. [*Copy.*]
- March 19. 71. Sa. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. The
Plymouth. Golden Sun was ordered to pay and discharge her hired men and to press others, which has been done. The Gloucester, bound for Portsmouth for new masts, is waiting to convoy 30 or 40 merchant ships to that place. Asks to see the orders of the pursers, thereby to correct his accounts. Sends the names of 8 ships in harbour, which brought in four prizes; four more were left at sea parted by the weather, of which two came in yesterday. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
- March 19. 72. Sam. Rose to the Navy Comrs. Being informed that goods
Lewes. belonging to the King, and which had been either stolen or fraudulently bought, had been taken to the house of George Hodder of Brighthelmstone, who brought them from Portsmouth,—took an officer, searched the house, and found one new sail, not as yet put to the yard, and another in the house of Richard Marchant; seized both and deposited them in the storehouse. Hears that they belong to the Royal Sovereign, but the men who brought them home are now at Portsmouth. Asks whether the ship that brought them is subject to seizure, and what proceedings they will have against the men. His letters are to be sent to the Talbot in Southwark; the Lewes carrier is there every Thursday before 12 o'clock. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 19. 73. Wm. Wood to Sir John Mennes. Asks for payment of a bill
Wapping. of 502*l.* for masts delivered into the stores by contract in July 1666. Has many other bills due for freight of ships amounting to 2,000*l.* Came with Capt. John Miller to request three days' time to make masts for a ship of his then employed as a man-of-war, which could not be granted, whereby he lost the taking of 150*l.* ready money. A letter was sent to Messrs. Shorter and Child from the Board, to send a parcel of New England masts to Chatham.

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The ship which brought them home was at Portsmouth, but was delivered at Wapping 50 days since; has one third part of the goods, and conceives it to be very hard that they should now be put to a new charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Blackamoore
pink.

74. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Received order for convoying two Gottenburg ships to the Nore, but one of them being disabled by the weather, durst not venture out. His stay for them has caused his ship to miss the opportunity of being paid at the Nore; hopes they will be mindful of him. Five sail of Hollanders were in the bay the day before. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19.
Portsmouth.

75. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Thanks him for the sawyer's bills. The tickets for the men of the Princess will be welcomed when they come, but if it is not speedily, she will be gone to the Downs. Will send the book as soon as Mr. Salmon returns to the dockyard from Southampton. The names of the two fire-ships, bought of Capt. Hibbert, and which he believed would be ready by the next spring tide, are the Francis and Prosperous. Is forced to take the men from the former to fit the latter, being so weak of hands that he is ashamed to see work so long about, but it cannot be remedied. The last week's weather has laid up 40 or 50 of his best men, with fevers and distempers, which take them like a pleurisy in the side, when they are wantonly bled; more people die in or about the town than in the time of the plague. Blesses God that he and his family are in health; his clerk is yet alive, but it is doubtful how it will be with him. Two other fire-ships are ready, and ships named are cleaned and tallowed, and two days will carry one of them out of port. The three Gottenburg ships are still in harbour; cannot state how they have spent their time since they have been delivered of their goods. They might have been ready to sail for London long since, but presumes they have been hindered by the easterly winds, as one of them has been at Spithead these 14 or 20 days; has constantly supplied them with victuals, which he rather forbore to let them have, but having received their honours' order, shall supply each of the ships for 14 days. Sends an account of the contents of the Prosperous, for which he would not give 10*l*. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

March 19.
Ordnance
Office.

76. Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Comrs. Asks the names and number of the fire-ships intended to be fitted for the summer service, that the stores may be got ready for them, pursuant to a warrant from the Duke of York. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19.
Plymouth.

77. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of Admiral Utber with his squadron from the west, with five prizes laden with salt, wines, and brandies. The Dragon is left at sea, the Garland supposed to be at Falmouth. Three other prizes were taken, which are supposed to be gone to Ireland with their salt. Survey of ships needing repairs. Certain stores named in the custody of the

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Prize Comrs. are suspended from sale, for the use of the Navy.
[Adm. Paper.] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Certificate by George Jones and three others of defects found in six ships named on a survey made by them.*

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77. II. *John Lanyon to Rear-Admiral Utber. Gives particulars of repairs required to ships mentioned.*

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March 20. Victualling Office. 78, 79. Two certificates by Thos. Lewis that John Pitt, purser of the St. George, had cleared his victualling account between 25th April and 20th Nov. 1666, and that there was no petty warrant within the time; that it does not appear at the office what extra money has been allowed to pursers, save what the victualler has paid to vessels of 70 men and under, which has been discontinued, and that he could not charge any ship therewith, nor give any allowance upon the purser's account. March 8 and 20. [Adm. Paper.]

March 20. Grant to John Ogilby of the sole printing of Homer's works, in the original, Æsop's Fables, and other books, in addition to his former privilege of printing similar books. [Ent. Book 23, pp. 416-7.]

March 20. Whitehall. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Grants a dispensation to Dr. Hen. Byam, whose age and infirmities disable him from keeping residence as he ought to do, and requests that he may receive the emoluments of his place as formerly. [Ent. Book 27, p. 1a.]

March 20. Norwich. 80. Thos. Corie to Dr. John Crofts, Dean of Norwich, Durham Yard, London. Thanks him for giving notice to the Duke of Monmouth's chaplain of Acworth, against whom fresh informations come in every day. Muddiford [Muddiman's] news are more pleasing than Mr. Williamson's: he reports that the treaty in France proceeds hopefully, under the Earl of St. Alban's, M. De Lionne, and Beuningen; that the East India Company is to send memoirs of their losses, and that we insist much on the isle of Poleron. The poll business is acted lamentably at Norwich.

March 20. Norwich. 81. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. Is glad to hear of his welfare from the Dean of Norwich; only two have died of the plague this week.

March 20. [Norwich.] 82. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There is no news in those parts.

March 20. Weymouth. 83. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Eagle arriving from Guernsey and Jersey reports those islands in good condition.

March 20. Yarmouth. 84. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Finding no one fit and willing to give the bailiffs the names of those who were spreading strange reports, called on bailiff Huntington and asked him what became of Wm. Downing, examined for reporting the Duke of Albemarle to

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be close prisoner in the Tower, and the trained bands disarmed; he made light of it, and said it was idle discourse, and every one examined had added to the first report; told him that both the first authors and the adders thereto should be prosecuted; informed him of the reports that Lord Townshend was put out of his deputy lieutenancy, because he would not pledge the Pope's health, and Mr. Howard put in; several are examined, who cast it from one to another, so that it rests nowhere. The poll bill in Yarmouth will not amount to 400*l.*; not one of the bailiffs, justices, aldermen, or common council are charged as high as a reputed gentleman; 60 light colliers are waiting for two convoys coming from the south.

March 20. 85. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. Capt. Holmes has sent in one prize laden with cables, pepper, linseed, &c., and another with oil, figs, and almonds.

March 20. 86. Sir Phil. Warwick to Williamson. The Lord Treasurer is dissatisfied that Sir James Bunce's bill is signed for 5,776*l.* whereas, in his report, he only allowed 3,694*l.* as fit to be charged on the English exchequer; also he thinks it much fitter that privy seals should be charged on the Exchequer generally, and not fixed on any certain place.

March 20. 87. M. Scott to Williamson. As Lord Arlington is to make new grants of office to all the postmasters of England at Lady-day, begs that before that of Edw. Smith, postmaster of Alnwick, is granted, 10*l.* a year out of the salary may be secured to the writer, till satisfied of a debt of 35*l.* due to him from Smith. Major-General Drummond passed through Berwick post on Monday last.

March [20]. 88. Geo. Browning to Williamson. Some persons by false reports try to deprive him of his place of postmaster at Exeter. Sir John Colleton has written to offer it to one Maudit; thinks it is because the writer opposed Sir John in the election at Dartmouth; requests prevention of this malice. Has left a certificate in his favour, signed by the principal persons of the county, with Mr. Richards, clerk of Williamson's office.

March 20. 89. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, also from the following:—

Holyhead, March 11: Mr. Leigh, after long waiting for a vessel to transport him, has hired a small vessel and will sail this evening, taking with him three packets that lie there, and one expected from Chester.

Portsmouth, March 19: The Warspite and other frigates are fitting out, and as they become ready, the seamen are paid off till 1st August last; yet they value not the loss of seven or eight months' pay, to run away to merchants' ships that offer great wages. [1½ pages.]

March 20. 90. James Hickeys to Williamson. Rich. Bradshaw of Manchester is applying for the place of postmaster there; on the death of

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Alex. Greene, the postmaster, in July last, the widow lost the employment because she refused to clear her husband's debts to the office, and Bradshaw took charge of the packets at her request. The applicants for the place then were Mrs. Halliwell, whose father-in-law and husband were the first concerned in Manchester letters, Bradshaw, Mrs. Green, and Jeffry Aldcroft of Knutsford, who though living 10 miles off, got it on good certificates and security, and has managed it well, and with several hours less delay than before. Reasons why he should be allowed to retain the office, and why Bradshaw is unfit for it, and falsity of Mr. Bradshaw's objections against him. Lord [Arlington] and others concerned should grant no requests for places till they have heard the person in possession speak for himself. Mr. Aldcroft will come up if required. [2 pages.]

March 21.
Whitehall.

91. [H. Muddiman] to Geo. Powell, comptroller of Pembroke. News-letter. Particulars given in his letter of March 16. The Lord Mayor and officers entrusted to order the new buildings in London have taken away from the site on which some of the houses in Fleet Street stood as much as will make the part toward Ludgate as broad as the other part. The Judge of Admiralty is ordered to discharge the security that stood bound for privateers to bring in their men by March 20. On the 20th, the Duke of York went to Harwich, to see the state of preparation in that haven, and other places, and give orders necessary for its defence. In his journey he dined with the Duke of Albemarle at Newhall. A marriage is talked of at court between the Duke of Richmond and Madame Stuart, one of the Queen's maids of honour. Proceedings of the Pope. The embargo for seamen at Marseilles is to hold good till three men-of-war there are fitted. Matches are rumoured between Lord Morton and Lady Isabella Keith, Lord Fitzwilliam and Lady Arlington's sister, and Sir Richard Harrison's son, of Berkshire, and Madam Price, a maid of honour. Peace is generally expected, and Lord Holles and Hen. Coventry, nominated commissioners to treat, were sent for to attend the King at the Lord Treasurer's.

At Dover it was rumoured that some thousands of men were on the French coast, and vessels ready for their transport, and the stay of the mail for 21 days increased this jealousy; but it was only on account of seamen going to man the French King's ships built in Holland. The Commissioners for the treaty will be ready by Easter, and Breda is spoken of as the place. Barbadoes was rumoured to be lost, but without colour of truth. The commissions for examining accounts have passed the seal; names of the 18 commissioners. De Ruyter is earnest with the States to set forth their fleet, believing that the King will refuse all places for treaty except the Hague, and trusting the Haarlem print, which reports that the Earl of St. Alban's has broken off the treaty in France. They are so hot for war in France that they inspect noblemen's stores for arms and ammunition; 250 families of Valenciennes and Douay are allowed to live in France, in order to bring in their manufacture of Holland cloth and camlet. [3 pages.]

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March 21.
Truro.

92. Hugh Acland to Williamson. One of the Dutch prizes brought into St. Ives is of 300 tons and 14 guns, laden with salt, but so leaky that she has to be brought on shore and her goods landed; the other is of 250 tons and 4 guns; several others have been taken, and more would have been, had not our frigates wanted men. A Yarmouth vessel has been taken near Pendennis Castle, laden with Welsh coal.

March 21.
Portsmouth.

93. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Dragon has taken two Holland wine prizes, and sent them into Southampton.

March 21.
Gresham House,
London.

94. Act of the Common Council of London, deciding as they were ordained to do by Act of Parliament for the rebuilding of London, as to which shall be accounted bye lanes, which streets or lanes of note, and which high and principal streets; all that are not mentioned as high and principal streets to be hereafter deemed streets and lanes of note; giving a list of 214 streets, lanes, alleys, courts, &c., which are to be considered streets of note, and six high and principal streets. [*Printed, 2 pages.*]

March 21.
Newcastle.

95. Rich. Forster to Williamson. On Wednesday sailed the whole fleet of laden colliers, with those that came from Scotland under convoy of Capt. Wetwyng of the Tiger,—which has lost most of her masts in a sudden gust of wind,—and four more good frigates.

March 21.
Sunderland.

96. Ben. Francis to Williamson. To-day 300 sail of laden colliers, 40 of which went out from Sunderland, have passed southward, with their convoy.

March 21.
Scarborough
Castle.

97. Pe. Hawkins to Williamson. Yesterday 120 laden colliers, with three men-of-war for convoy, passed from the north; no enemy's ships have been heard of for three or four weeks.

March 21.
Dover.

98. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Particulars of vessels passing. The *Lenox* *alias* Dover Castle has come in without a prize.

March 21.

99. Certificate by Dr. Thos. Lamplugh, principal of Alban Hall, and 13 other canons, doctors, masters of art, &c., to the good conduct, learning, and conformity to the church of Wm. Rolfe, M.A. fellow of New College, Oxford. [*Latin.*]

March 21.
Harwich.

100. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday, at 5 p.m., the Duke of York arrived, and visited the King's house and yard, attended by several persons of quality, especially Sir Bernard De Gomme, who had taken pains with the fortifications; he then went into the writer's small apartment in the yard, and stayed till he went on board his yacht; to-day he has walked all about the town and places adjacent, and was so fresh as to tire others with his morning's walk, in spite of his riding and walking yesterday: 60 or 80 of the collier fleet have sailed for Newcastle, under convoy of the Oxford and Orange, the coast being reported clear. Some Dutch prisoners taken by the Pearl have escaped by Ipswich carelessness, but four or five are retaken.

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March 21. 101. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Particulars of vessels sailing. Aldborough. The coast is clear of pickeroons.

[March 21.] 102. Warrant for a grant to Algernon Peyton, of Doddington, Isle of Ely, of the dignity of a baronet, with remainder to his brothers Thomas and Henry ; also for a discharge of the 1,095*l.* usually paid for that dignity. [*Draft.*]

March 21. 103. Edw. Silvester to the Navy Comrs. Begs that his three bills for anchors may be rated at a reasonable price, that so the work may go on with cheerfulness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 21. 104. Richard Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of the Gravesend. Eagle's petty warrant. Arrival of three ships named in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 21. 105. Theo. Scott, master of the Golden Sun, to the Navy Comrs. Spithead. Receiving their order to hasten with the Golden Lion to Portsmouth, has kept on board ship to keep the company, pressed with much hazard and difficulty, from running away ; particulars of various attempts to sail with the fleet to Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 22. 106. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Departure of four ships Plymouth. named for Portsmouth with their convoys. The Greenwich and two others are waiting a fair wind. The Garland came into Catwater, having lost her false keel. Mr. Lanyon and himself are upon such terms that the service is neglected ; he denies him an account of the expenses of several ships, and what sails, cordage, &c., have been received of the several boatswains, and for which no credit is given to His Majesty. Desires their order thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 22. 107. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has treated with the Conpill. owners about iron mine as ballast for the St. David. They demanded 4*s.* 6*d.* for 12 bushels, which will come to 20*l.*, and it will cost 1*s.* per ton for water carriage to the ship's side. The ballast or iron mine will yield the same price at any place, water carriage excepted, and is as heavy as iron itself. Desires orders thereon, hoping to launch the next spring tide. Urges the supply of money promised for this service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 22. Privy seal to Sir James Bunce for 5,776*l.*, for services to the King when beyond seas. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 418.*]

March 22. Warrant for creating Richard Hastings a baronet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 418.*]

March 22. Privy seal for 6,000*l.* to Lord Holles and Hen. Coventry, in advance for their equipage, &c., in their intended negotiation of the treaty at Breda. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 418.*]

March 22. Pass for Henry Howard into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 418.*]

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[March 22.] 108. Warrant for a grant of a pension of 200*l.* a year to Dr. John Whitehall, Troutbeck, from the tenths of the clergy in the diocese of Lincoln. *Annexing,*

108. *I. Note for Mr. Williamson that Dr. Troutbeck's requests are a patent for 200*l.* a year for 21 years, or for life, from July 9, 1660, to be paid half-yearly by the receiver of the tenths of Lincolnshire, the arrears to be first paid.*

March 22. Entry of the above warrant. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 419.*]

March 22. 109. Minute of the above warrant.

March 22. 110. "Advices" being notes from letters calendared above, and also from the following:—

Jersey, Mar. 2: The French are victualling and rigging at Brest, and send the vessels when fit to Rochelle, where 25,000 landmen will soon be ready.

Bridlington, March 18: The Guernsey is gone for Tynemouth where the laden fleet remains; the Hampshire, with 10 sail, passed by the Humber, and left her prize in Hull. [*2½ pages.*]

March 22. 111. Owen Lindsey to Williamson. Two Dartmouth vessels have Dartmouth. arrived safely from Lisbon, and saw one enemy, a French man-of-war, which chased them a whole afternoon.

March 22. 112. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Wishes Lord Arlington to be Plymouth Fort. spoken to about the salary for himself, Sir Thos. Carey and Sir John Knight, the commissioners general, as the year is expired and there is money in the Treasurer's hands; understands the other commissioners are to be paid by the Lords Commissioners for Prizes. Begs continuance of office for the postmaster there; no man is fitter for the place, though some are trying to supplant him. A Genoese ship laden with French salt, bound for Hamburg, was seized last year and brought into port as a prize, but was cleared; some friends of his, merchants of Portsmouth, then lent the master 300*l.*, which they may lose, unless they can get permission to land the salt as security; begs a licence therefor, for which a reasonable gratuity will be given. The Forester has brought in an Amsterdam salt prize. Departure of vessels.

March 22. 113. John Clarke to James Hickes. Particulars of vessels departing Plymouth. and in harbour. The Garland has taken an Amsterdam salt prize of 400 tons, after fighting all night. She then saw a French man-of-war of 50 guns, but the Garland's captain, having fitted his prize as a fire-ship, the French captain believed it to be a fire-ship, and bore away.

March 22. 114. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

March 22. 115. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Garland has brought in an Plymouth. Amsterdam prize of 12 guns and 250 men, after a stout fight,

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wherein the Amsterdamer blew up her own round house, thereby wounding several of her men ; she is much disabled and torn. The Garland has three men killed, and eight or nine wounded. Several vessels have gone to Portsmouth to be repaired.

March 22. 116. Order in Council granting the petition of Nich. Warren, Whitehall. Phil. Jegon, and Hum. Graves, merchants of London, for leave to unlade in the port of London, on payment of all custom and duties, the French merchandises laden on the St. Mary of Dieppe; a pass was granted by the Duke of York to the Earl of St. Alban's to bring in French commodities on the said vessel, some months before the proclamation prohibiting their import: relying on this pass, they freighted the ship with wines, paper, canvas, &c., for the said Earl and themselves, but by the French King's embargo on all ships, and by contrary winds, it has been detained. With notes concerning the landing of the said goods.

March 22. 117. John Wickens to Williamson. Passage of collier fleets; Southwold. one of the vessels is aground on the Barnet Sand, but it is hoped she will get off.

March 22. 118. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. His father has set out Hull. for London. Passage of the collier fleet, and the ships from Scotland. The Tiger with 20 sail is in the Humber. The Ruby and Eagle stay at Newcastle, to convoy 30 sail not yet laden.

March 22. 119. Jo. Man to Williamson, A Hamburg vessel was cast ashore Swansea. in Laugherne Marsh, Carmarthenshire, laden with salt, which was lost, but some of the wine saved, also all the men. Another vessel in Tenby Road pretends to be of Hamburg, but is suspected to be Dutch.

March 22. 120. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Wreck of a Hamburger laden Pembroke. with French wines and brandy, at Pendine, 12 miles distant.

March 22. 121. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. Arrival of the collier fleet, Lynn. with 20 ships from Scotland and 3 frigates as convoy. They have seen no enemy. A Lynn vessel bound for London, laden with oats, has been taken by a Dutch privateer, being parted from the other ships with which she had sailed.

March 22. 122. Sir P. Warwick to Williamson. Recommends a poor man, the son of a woman who ventured and suffered in carrying letters of much importance during the war, and had a pension of 40*l*. for life; the King promised her to settle somewhat on her son. Endorsed "Welsh Besse's son."

March 22. 123. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to order the sale of the Whitehall. Dolphin of Dieppe, now in the Thames, to Lord Widdrington, on a fair appraisement, he being obliged to bring timber into the King's yards.

March 23. Indemnity to George Fawcet, for corresponding with the fanatics and others disaffected to the King and government. Minute. [*Ent. Book 24, p. 36.*]

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March 23. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs for unlading 120 pipes of Canary wine, for the Spanish ambassadors. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23*, p. 419.]

March 23. 124. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell, Post Office, London. The Weymouth. Dover privateer has come in without a prize, her commission being out. Capt. Abbott, of Weymouth, in his privateer the *Hopeful Providence*, has brought in a prize, a Guernsey vessel, which had been taken by a French man-of-war, and carried into a French harbour, whence the captain recovered it. With note from [Hickes to Williamson] that he sends him this letter at Mr. Sawtell's request, notwithstanding Sawtell's frequent correspondence with Mr. Muddiman.

March 23. 125. John Pocock to James Hickes. Capture by the *Hopeful Weymouth.* Providence of a prize in Brehack harbour, near Morlaix; she proved to be a Jersey vessel, laden with coals from Deal, which was taken two days before by a French man-of-war.

March 23. 126. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Whispers privately that as his Harwich. prize employment will signify little in case of peace, he wishes to be engaged about the packet boat, which it is believed will be settled at Harwich instead of at Dover. Can give advantageous arguments if needful.

March 23. 127. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Duke of York left yesterday, early in the morning, and hopes to reach Whitehall to day. Harwich. He was much pleased with the situation of the tower; it is to be fortified, as well as Landguard, which he visited; he also took pains to see Beacon Hill. The weather was good all the time he was there. The colliers from the Thames are at anchor in Ousely Bay.

March 23. 128. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Begs Bristol. directions from Lord Arlington about three poor sickly Frenchmen, sent over prisoners from Barbadoes.

March 23. 129. Thos. Waade to Williamson. On Wednesday 200 sail of York. colliers passed the port [Whitby] with three convoys, and on the next day 25 sail, supposed to be the Scotch fleet. A strong wind is thought to have driven the coal fleet into the Humber. His father Mascall is ill and unable to write.

March 23. 130. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Passage of light colliers north- Aldborough. wards; 100 laden ones are still in Ousely Bay.

March 23. 131. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Passage of light and laden Yarmouth. colliers. The Portsmouth has brought in a Dutch caper, which proves to be a West country vessel, taken last year; the men are ashore and put in prison; also a sloop, which is an Ostender, laden with lead from Hull for Ostend. Hears that the King has given Prince Rupert all prize goods that are embezzled; will come to London to obtain reimbursement of the moneys he is out.

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Chester.

132. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. At Chester and Liverpool 500 Irish cattle have been landed, but all seized; the justices are resolved utterly to ruin the poor Irishmen that imported them, and what seems strange, some justices, after the cattle are forfeited and the forfeiture paid, disturb the second buyer and seize the cattle again. Would pay him well for advice and assistance for these poor Irish. Proclamations have been issued in Ireland, appointing granaries in several parts of the kingdom for wheat and oatmeal, and the Lord Lieutenant allows half of the two last subsidies to be paid in wheat and oatmeal. Another proclamation was issued for publishing the last Act of Parliament, for encouraging the linen trade of the kingdom. Capt. Wright, sailing with a 300 ton vessel for Virginia, was deserted at Galloway by 12 of his men, and obliged to delay his voyage. The Dartmouth waits the Lord Lieutenant's orders at Kinsale. Duallagh's head is now on St. James's Gate, Dublin.

March 23.
Letter Office.

133. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends six Irish packets, of 18, 23, and 26 February and 2, 5, and 9 March, which have come to hand this morning.

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134. Sir Phil. Warwick to [Williamson]. Sends a draft of a warrant for moneys required, which the King must sign for the privy seal. Will then endeavour the assignment, having interposed in the business by borrowing; is interested in it, both as caring for the work and desiring to serve him [Williamson]. [Draft.] *Prefixing,*

134. 1. *Warrant to pay to Capt. George Wharton 858l. 5s., for expenses of the Ordnance Comrs. in pulling down, according to order, houses about the Tower, which subjected it to danger from fire, and weakened the defences.*

March 23.
Whitehall.

135. Petition of Edward Smith and Edmund Lee, merchants of London, to the King. Their vessel, the Mary of Frederickstadt, laden with Norway timber, was seized by Capt. Elliott of the Revenge, notwithstanding that she had a pass from the Duke of York, and made into a fire-ship; its restoration was ordered but not performed, and they hear it is lost. Beg satisfaction in money or in prize ships for its value, 1,100l. With reference thereon to the Navy Comrs., and their report, March 11, 1667, recommending payment of 809l. 8s. as compensation. [Copy.]

March 23.

Entry of the above reference. [Ent. Book 18, p. 247.]

March 23.
Oxford.

136. Certificate by Dr. John Fell, vice-chancellor of Oxford, that Wm. Rolfe, M.A., is reputed in that place a worthy and ingenious person. With note by Humphrey Bishop of London, April 8, 1667, that for his learning and good conversation, he is worthy to be preferred to an ecclesiastical benefice.

March 23.
Keynsham.

137. Sir Thos. Bridges to Williamson. In executing Lord Arlington's commands, finds the poll money in those parts will

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amount to a much vaster sum than was conceived, and would be larger still but for some brethren of a new separation, who court an airy popularity by decrying taxes and conniving at the bold practices of Nonconformists, though at the expense of King and kingdom's interest, in these sad times of hazard. Will acquaint him with their practices, on coming to London in a fortnight.

March 23. 138. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of ships
Ipswich. victualled. Cannot fulfil his orders, on account of the neglect of pursers in not supplying him with certificates for extra money, or accounts of the beginning and ending of their victuals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. 139. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts. Explains
Plymouth. mistakes made therein by trusting to the indents. Though the commanders of ships complain of the want of their complement of men, yet the ships are victualled for their full proportion, so that, unless their honours have some means above the muster masters' accounts and the pursers' books to do His Majesty right, there is much abuse done. The accounts might as well be left to the pursers as the muster master there; his conduct disparages the power that appoints him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. 140. Thos. Lloyd, secretary to the Lords Commissioners of Prizes,
to Sir Wm. Penn. The Commissioners have ordered the delivery of the sailcloth in the Liefde of Stralsund at Plymouth to the Navy Comrs.' agent, provided they take it and pay all charges within 14 days. The Prize Comrs. desire that they will give their agent instructions for the future as to adjusting the value of commodities. Shall insert a clause in their order of delivery, to prevent the lapse of time, &c., for the future. Sends an account of wines, &c. delivered to the Navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. 141. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Departure of Rear-
Plymouth. Admiral Utber with the big ships for Portsmouth. Particulars of ships remaining to be cleaned, repaired, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. 142. Sir N. Armorer to Williamson. Has returned from
Dublin. cannon from hunting the Tories, who robbed an honest Quaker of his acquaintance, within four miles of the town where the judges were sitting at assize. They were 30 in number; has taken seven, and has them in durance base, whence they are only likely to remove to the gallows. The Duke [of Ormond] has the gout; would offer no business to him, to get more than ever he will gain by that petition. Hopes a reference to the Lords Commissioners of Prizes there, who know well the merits of the cause.

March 24. 143. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Is chosen by the Poll-
Falmouth. money Commissioners assessor for that town and parish. It causes much complaint that wives and children under 16 years, except poor children, are to pay, there being no precedent for both man and wife to pay. The Greenwich has taken two Dutch salt prizes

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into St. Ives. A Nieuport vessel reports that an English privateer, near the French coast, took from her her flag, some provision, and cordage.

March 24. 144. M. Scott to Williamson. All is quiet ; 13 ships have passed
Berwick. from Scotland southward.

March 24. 145. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Three frigates have sailed
Portsmouth. to convoy several merchant ships for the Downs, some laden with naval stores. The Gloucester has brought in several merchant ships from Plymouth, bound for the Thames.

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March 25. 1. Lord Castleton to [Williamson]. Presents the petition of Capt. Ben. Marshall, of Doncaster, for the postmastership of the town, which is shortly out of lease from Lady Stanhope ; he has a certificate from all the gentlemen of being the properest person in the town, and the neglect of the late officer will render her incapable of continuing in office. [*Damaged.*]

March 25. 2. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Sir Fras. Godolphin, a person
Truro. of great integrity and much lamented, was buried on Saturday.

March 25. 3. Robt. Rawlinson to Wm. Haggett. The suit which has cost him so much time and labour for years is accomplished ; in these extraneous cases might and money overway the glory of God. Belshazzar's joints may tremble at his oppressions ; the gentry of Cheshire and Lancashire are infinitely dissatisfied, and more so of late than ever ; they look upon theirs as the greatest of bondage, and will lay down life, liberty, and estates, to remedy this, and restore a person [Richard Protector] whose merits justly claim a propriety in the government of the country. That most worthy person [the Earl of Derby ?] has shown much fidelity to his highness, R. P., and Lord Cholmeley will assist him with the power of both counties.

March 25. 4. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The merchant ships that sailed
Deal. westward have been forced back to the Downs by contrary winds, but the King's ships ply to windward and keep the sea.

March 25. 5. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Notices of vessels. The French
Dover. are said to be much for war ; 30 French fishermen, taken by a privateer, were sent by the mayor of Rye, who would not confine them, to the mayor of Dover ; he had no order to imprison them, but sent to the castle ; there was an order to the Deputy Commissioners of Prizes to take charge of them, yet they are begging about the streets, and most of them old and poor ; asks directions about them. Mr. Jemmet, sen., says he is allowed to carry over none but Dutch prisoners, and endangers his boat if he carry over Englishmen ; yet he does not scruple to bring in bone lace and

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other prohibited commodities. It will be a great loss to the Countess and Sir Phil. Frowde, unless he is allowed to carry over merchants and others who may lawfully pass; the packet boats will be in no esteem, and passengers will repair to some other place for boats.

March 25. 6. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. A French privateer endangered
Pembroke. six or seven vessels at anchor in Wexford, but left them, when the Harry frigate and two Dublin privateers went to their assistance. The Channel is very difficult to pass for want of some frigates on those coasts. The vessel which lay in Caldy Road is really an Amsterdamer, probably a privateer, as she has wounded men on board.

March 25. 7. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

March 25. Pass for the ship Fortune of Ostend into port, to unlade her
Whitehall. cargo of 60 tons of paper, bought in France, for the Company of Stationers of London. With note of a like pass for the ship Love of Toningon. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 2b.*]

March 25. 8. Proclamation that, on account of the late rebellion in the
Edinburgh. Western shires, all residents in cos. Lanark, Ayr, Renfrew; Wigton, and Kirkcudbright bring in their arms to the sheriff, to be by him placed in Stirling or Dumbarton castle, gentlemen only being allowed to carry swords, under penalty of 1,000 marks for a gentleman, or 500 for any other, lest the rebels should seize them by force; also that as they have attacked and injured the persons of ministers, the parishioners protect their ministers, under pain of being made responsible for any violence offered to them. [*Printed.*]

March 25. 9. Account of the stock of the Royal [African?] Company, due
by the several members that are in arrears, with interest thereon, from the time the money was due to Lady Day, 1667. [*4 pages.*]

March 25. 10. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Sends the dimensions
Woolwich. of a mast house to be built in the yard, with an estimate of the carpenter and bricklayer's work, &c., required for its erection. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 25. 11. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Convoyed the
Blackamoor Charles, a Gottenburg ship laden with masts, from Harwich to
pink, the Nore; the other ship was left behind to get a mainmast. Desires
Buoy of the Nore. orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 25. 12. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of ships
named for Portsmouth. Orders should be sent there to fit them with all speed; has recommended Comr. Middleton by express to do so. Hopes they will dispatch stores to all the outports, and be in earnest in paying the ships, so that they may not lose time in port, as time spends apace. Asks if any of the fire-ships are ready, that they may be sent to their stations. Wants an order for the Tiger to be supplied with masts at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- March 25. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Wishes them to send two or three small vessels to the West India squadron, which is going to the Hope, to assist the manning and watering. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 25. 14. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Would have said if he
Chatham. had disliked the certificate of the officers about the guard at Gillingham. The Matthias will sail to-day, and the Charles V. on Thursday. There will be want of men to settle that guard, but fears they will not be able to get them hereabouts, there having been so many pressed by almost every ship that has gone abroad. Desires that the Officers of the Ordnance may get the guns and carriages ready. The 28 pinnaces in hand will want oars. The chain is going on well; has set officers named to survey it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 25. 15. James Duke of York [to the Navy Comrs.]. On report of
Whitehall. persons sent down to consider the safety of ships in the Medway, wishes the Unity to have 20 men added, a second fire-ship to be sent, and two others to lie within the chains at Chatham, to be ready if needed; also vessels named to be cleaned and fitted for service at Sheerness and the Medway. All the ships in the upper part of the river are to be moored in the safest places, especially the larger ones; and for their better security, the Charles V. and the Matthias are to be so moored that they may bring their broadsides to bear upon the chains; a competent number of men is to be allowed to each of them. Orders are to be given for discharge of men from all prize ships not ordered to sea, and for the better manning of the fleet intended for the West Indies, the men so discharged are to be put on board of it. The Sophia is to be among the discharged ships, but not the Elias, which sails well. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages, copy.*]
- March 26. 16. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Denis Gauden. Sends a bill which
Greenwich. Sir Geo. Carteret has often promised to see about. Prays dispatch. With note that the beer was made good to the purser upon passing his account, but he is charged with the wine. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 26. 17. Capt. Wm. Davies, of the Guinea, to the Navy Comrs. Was
desired to discharge Thos. Cole, pressed aboard his ship, he alleging that he was a yeoman of the powder room of the St. David, and going down with stores for her; this is false, as he was impressed in a wherry, and did not then say that he belonged to any ship, but that he was a tailor. Desires orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 26. 18. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of 200
Conpill. loads of timber in places beyond the Severn mentioned, and the names of the justices to be inserted in the warrants for the carriage. Hopes to give an account of the launching of the St. David in his next. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 26. 19. Edw. Sherburne, Geo. Clarke, and Fras. Nicholls to the Navy
Ordnance Office. Comrs. Desire an order to the Storekeeper at Harwich, to deliver all the junk remaining in his custody to their agent for the use of the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- March 26. 20. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts to the
Ipswich. 23rd instant. Victualling of ships. A vessel arrived from Lynn on
Squire Gauden's account, laden with 40 tons of beef, which will be
delivered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 26. 21. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Five or six Hull vessels
Hull. have come from London, one laden with ammunition for the gar-
rison; 300 or 400 light colliers, with 5 convoys, were forced by
winds into Bridlington Bay. The Tiger has gone out with the
ships under her convoy.
- March 26. 22. Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. The letters intended for the
Alban Hall. writer and Sir Geoffry Shakerley have been interchanged by mistake.
Sir Geoffry and his brother Sir Roger have been at Oxford. Asks
what to say to Dr. Smith about his affair.
- March 26. 23. Mrs. A. Laugharne to Williamson. What she petitions for
was given her husband in consideration of near 10 times a greater
sum, besides the loss of her two dear sons, Thomas and Arthur,
killed in His Majesty's service. Has had two of the King's broad
seals for it ever since 1661; the sum is 3,050*l.*; will requite him
handsomely if he obtain it for her, or will deduct 750*l.* to have
the remainder laid down. None does nor shall know of this
tender.
- March 26. 24. Sir W. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Asks an order for de-
livery to Wm. Joynes, marshal of the Admiralty, of certain seamen,
—sent from the Marshalsea to the Tower, to avoid the danger of
their enlargement by the tumults of seamen,—who are to be tried
for their lives before the Judge of the Admiralty.
- March 26. 25. Ch. Porter to Williamson. Asks what is to be done upon the
Middle Temple. enclosed; has known the gentleman six years, and considers him far
from any thoughts unbecoming a good subject. *Enclosing,*
25. 1. Mich. Wharton to Chas. Porter. *Has been mentioned
by Mr. Montague, auditor of the Duke of Buckingham,
as one of the Duke's servants; has been with him but a
little time, and has concerned himself with nothing
but his employment as steward, yet will appear at once
if Lord Arlington choose to send for him; lodges in
Duke Street. March 25, 1667.*
- March 26. 26. ——— to Mr. Villiers. The Newcastle fleet of 100 sail
Tynemouth. is going out to the Scottish fleet of 27, which lies without the bar;
they fear that their convoy of three frigates is too small, as
Banckaert is reported to be about Scarborough, with 14 men-of-war.
[*Fragment.*]
- March 26. 27. Owen Lindsey to Williamson. Capt. Parris' privateer has
Dartmouth. brought in a privateer of 220 tons, laden with wine and salt, which
pretends to be an Ostender, but can produce no good pass.

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- March 26. 28. John Clarke to James Hicke. In a few days, three or four
Plymouth. frigates in port will be abroad at their stations. A Londoner of
300 tons from Virginia reports all well there.
- March 26. 29. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- March 26. 30. Warrant for the St. Francis of Nieuport, of 126 tons, to unlade,
Whitehall. on payment of custom, some wines, &c., good part of which are a
present to the King, and were laden by Sir David English,
consul at Bourdeaux, confiding in a passport of the Duke of
York of 26 Nov., but which was only for a ship of 500 tons.
- March 26. Entry of the above. [*Ent Book 25, p. 1.*]
- March 26. Warrant to the Commissioners for Appeals on Prizes to permit the
Whitehall. owners of a Genoese ship, which put into Tangiers to avoid Algiers'
corsairs, and was there made prize, to appeal against sentence of
condemnation, which they are unable to do without special favour,
on account of the loss of time. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 1b.*]
- March 26. Warrant for a patent for 14 years to Col. Thomas Culpeper, for
Whitehall. marking iron hearths of his own invention for burning coals, in-
stead of the freestone hearths, which are liable to crack. With note
that an after draft of this grant was to Sir Sam. Moreland, Bart.,
Rich. Wigmore, Rob. Lindsey, and Thos. Culpeper. [*Ent. Book 25,*
p. 2.]
- March 26. 31. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Feared to suffer by M. Simonet's
Totness. failing in Paris, but finds that his goods are safe in his factor's hands
at Morlaix. Has procured a French pass for a vessel to bring them
over, and begs an English one, to comfort him for the loss of two
great ships of 200 tons each, during the war. Will send 100*l.* to
pay the officers.
- March 27. 32. John Baldock to his father John Baldock, post office, London.
Newark. Family affairs. Hopes he has got safe to London. Endorsed with
a request to Mr. Hicke to keep the letter till his father comes.
- March 27. 33. John Pocock to James Hicke. Has no news.
Weymouth.
- March 27. 34. Joh. Smith to Williamson. Begs influence with Sir Wm.
Margate. Coventry in behalf of his brother, Mat. Smith, relative to the
mastership of a ketch, of which the owners wish him to take com-
mand, but John Glover, who holds 1-16th, opposes it.
- March 27. 35. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Lord Percy being come up to
Pulborough. London for a time, entreats the continuance of the usual weekly
letter, directed to Northumberland House, whence it will be for-
warded to Pulborough. Begs also the forwarding of any letters
from Mr. Addison at Tangiers.
- March 27. 36. Order to Lord Robartes, keeper of the privy seal, to issue a
Westminster. warrant for payment of 6,000*l.* in advance to Denzil Lord Holles

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and Hen. Coventry, for their equipage and entertainment in the treaty at Breda.

March 27. 37. John Lysle to Williamson. The Paradox has brought in a Dutch prize from Lisbon, laden with sweet oils, sugar, and oranges, but the seamen pretend that most of the cargo was thrown overboard to save the rest, as she was very leaky. She was seized in Sandham Bay, under the fort, and yielded to the fort; the master and men went on shore, and are in custody of Capt. Peter Gallois, Sir Rob. Holmes' deputy; the vessel is rifled from stem to stern, both of materials and most of the lading, and the rest is so trampled that it will be worthless unless landed and sold at once.

March 27. 38. John Clarke to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin and Sir Edw. Plymouth. Spragg are cruising off the Land's End.

March 27. 39. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Capt. Manning, in his privateer, Falmouth. has sent in a French wine prize, and is in chase of five or six more.

March 27. 40. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.

March 27. 41. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden colliers have sailed, Newcastle. but three or four ships bound for London, and several for Hamburg &c., remain in harbour.

March 27. 42. Order in Council that the draft of a proclamation presented Whitehall. by the Attorney General, for free export of woollen manufactures, to Dec. 25 next, being approved, be engrossed for the King's signature, printed and published.

March. 27. 43. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. Colliers from Tynemouth Lynn. report the coast clear of pickeroons; the militia is in good settlement. Some say peace is made with France, and the Dutch left out; some that it is concluded with the Dutch and the French left out, but that it will not be divulged till the last of the month, when the league between the Dutch and French expires. Is anxious for intelligence, but has received none the last two weeks.

March 27. 44. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. A ship from Portugal reports the coast clear. The Hamburger from Lisbon ran aground near Kingroad. Capt. Hellin of the York frigate, has sent in a Dutch salt prize of 300 tons, with 80 Dutch on board, and another of 400 tons is expected. Is glad a place is fixed on for a treaty; the merchants and all others are weary of the war; believes it is worse still in Holland.

March 27. The King to the Commissioners for Portsmouth. Having appointed them 15 May, 1666, Commissioners for strengthening the fortification of Portsmouth, confirms any past contracts they may have made as such, but orders them in future to obey directions from the Ordnance Officers, having now placed the superintendency thereof, according to the usual method, in the Ordnance Office. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 234.*]

[March 27.] 45. Draft of the above. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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- March 27. Privy seal for 200*l.* to Col. Villiers, for the repair of Tynemouth Castle, and adding fortifications to secure the mouth of the river, and 400*l.* to [Col.] Farre, for fortifying Languard Point. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 420.*]
- March 27. Commission for the Earl of Ailesbury to be Lord Lieut. of Bedfordshire instead of the Earl of Cleveland. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 420.*]
- March 27. Denization to Margaret Maurice of Nassau, Madame Lalahe. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 420.*]
- [March 27.] 46. Privy seal for 300*l.* to Richard or Bishop Russel; 200*l.* to Sir Peter Wyche, envoy to Portugal, and 204*l.* to Henry Coventry, late envoy to Sweden, for their disbursements in their respective services.
- March 27. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 420.*]
- March 27. Warrant to pay to Capt. George Wharton 858*l.* 5*s.*, expended in pulling down certain houses about the Tower, which exposed it to danger by fire, and weakened the defences. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 240.*]
- March 27. The King to the Ordnance Comrs. Having resolved to strengthen the more considerable ports of the kingdom adjoining to France and Holland, and directed new fortifications at Portsmouth and Plymouth, as also in other ports, they are to take the general superintendence of the same, receive the accounts of the Commissioners for moneys already disbursed, with copies of contracts, &c., concluded, and give instructions for completing the said works. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 421-2.*]
- [March 27.] 47. Draft of the above. [2 pages.]
- March 28. 48. Phil. Edgcumbe to Sam. Pepys. Asks that a vessel may be ready at Rochester on Monday next, to transport Capts. Cartwright and Roscarrock's companies to Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 28. 49. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the Cygnet, now at Gravesend, having been off the ground these 10 weeks, may clear and victual forthwith, so as to be ready to sail to Lynn and Boston with the first ships ready to go that way. Asks orders for the Portsmouth ketch, which is come up. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 28. 50. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Directed the clerk of the cheque at Harwich that, upon the going out of any of the King's ships, he should send lists of the men made to run since the ships came into port, that care might be taken to have them apprehended, and directions given to stop the passing of any tickets for them upon the ships' books, and so prevent abuses by the pursers; on a ship's going out of port, they complain for want of men, and yet few or none are made run upon the pursers' books. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 28. 51. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Is informed by Comr. Taylor that the Charles has sailed to the buoy of the Nore, and that the Monk intends doing so. Asks what is to be done with them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 28. 52. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. If the Commissioners of Prizes value prizes to their honours as they come in, they make their profits seem great, but the stores pay for it. In the Elias there was 400*l.* difference betwixt her state when she came in and when delivered into his hands; if they do so, the ships are much over valued, and two thirds of the tackle are generally wanted to refit the ships for sea. The prizes are sent in from the takers well found, but when at anchor, the seamen steal the cables, sails, &c. &c. After delivery to the prize officer, he sometimes puts one man or two men aboard for a long time ere condemnation, when there want not embezzlers and night workers to cut cables and do any spoil; so that if delivered to their honours without an inventory taken on their arrival, the value must differ. Wonders it should be questioned whether the miscarriage be on their or the Prize Officers' part, having known nothing of much value lost after the prizes were in their hands. If the prizes are delivered naked, they must be clothed, and that out of the stores, which makes many of them dear. Mentions four prizes sent in completely fitted, but which are nothing like it now. The Prize Officers demand a receipt for all timber, &c., received; asks if it is to include that between decks. Asks that an order for delivery of the Elias may name its condition at time of receipt. Gives the names of ships in the Rolling Ground, and ready to sail northward. The smith's shop has been shut up for a week, and not a bolt to be got for the new ship, nor a man to be seen. Timber is come in sight, but no money of the 400*l.* heard of. Without money they must leave off clearing ships. The smith must be minded, and Spanish iron to keep the shipwrights at work. Has seen the Prize Officer since writing, and he affirms that he causes an inventory to be taken upon oath, and returns it to the Commissioners, by which the prizes are valued and delivered to their honours. If it is so, it alters the case from what he suggests, and from what their honours write, saying that they valued them as they come in. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

March 28. 53. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Intends on 1st April to launch the Providence out of the dry dock at Deptford and to dock the Daniel fire-ship. Desires a warrant to Capt. Cox for so doing. Wants 100 loads of elm timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 28. 54. M. Du Mesnil Lorigo to Mr. Clemam Bidou, at M. Parant's, London. Private affairs. It is thought that peace will be concluded at Breda; all the people wish it. [*French, 2 pages.*]

March 28. 55. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Tiger from Scotland, Aldborough. with 20 vessels in convoy, has sailed southward. There is a strange

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report that some of the Dutch fleet will speedily be upon our coasts.

March 28. 56. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All are busy paying in the poll money, which is likely to be very considerable, though many people are not pleased with it, their gettings being so small, and trading very bad.

March 28. 57. Robt Mein to Williamson. The two murderers were not executed, but on petition, were heard before the Council, when one ingenuously confessed, and is like to clear himself and discover greater persons. The Lord Commissioner is gone to settle his lady and family at his house in Fife, and will return next week. Capt. Murray has sent in a boat of 100 tons laden with great fish. Cannot leave his charge at Midsummer, when Lord Arlington enters the post office, as his wife is to lie-in; but will give any information required relating to the country.

March 28. 58. John Man to Williamson. The vessel stranded at Laugharne, in Carmarthenshire, proves to be the Justice of Stade; a small quantity of her wine and brandy, and her crew of 12 men and 2 boys are saved. A Tenby vessel from Bristol was bulged within the bar, and in great danger. The captain bade a Quaker woman in the cabin, who was afraid, lay her head on two great books; she asked what they were, and being told they were church bibles said it was no wonder such a violent storm fell upon them, and it would not cease till those Jonahs were cast overboard; but coming on shore in a boat, with others, she alone was drowned, and proved the Jonah. A Bideford vessel, laden with tallow, beef, &c., from Dublin, has been driven into Tenby.

March 28. 59. "Advices," being memoranda from letters, as follows:

Plymouth, March 24: A London vessel of 400 tons has arrived from Virginia, laden with tobacco; the governor has forbidden the planting of tobacco for the ensuing year. There is no account of the last fleet bound from Plymouth to Virginia. Five frigates are lying waiting orders, but none are cruising westward, to the great trouble of those who are expecting many rich ships.

Aldborough, March 25: Passage of laden and light colliers. A French pickeroon put a vessel on shore near Wintertonness.

Yarmouth, March 25: Passage of colliers. Three or four vessels intending for the haven struck on the bar, and were put ashore; one from Newcastle on the King's account was saved by unlading her salt; two are still ashore in much danger.

Harwich, March 26: Passage of ships. A great fleet of colliers from Newcastle is in sight.

March 28. 60. Nic. Colborne to Viscount Conway, Ragley Lodge, Warwickshire. Begs payment of certain moneys. Will put his lordship's name in his petition to the Council, but does not wish further to trouble him.

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March 29. 61. Sir Phil. Warwick to [Williamson]. Has applied to Sir Rob. Long for a certificate of what was due to Lord Cleveland, the King having directed the arrears to be paid, but he replied they could be paid to none but my Lord's administrator or executor. Lord Arlington has no reason, beyond his good nature and relation, to furnish the money from his own purse which should come from the King's, but he sends word he will do so. Will wait on his lordship in Sir Rob. Southwell's business; has observed his command about Mr. Coville's.

March 29. 62. Remonstrance of the King's band of violins under M. Grabu, master of his music, against the fraudulent conduct of John Banister, who receives 600*l.* a year for extraordinary services of the violins, and keeps most of it himself, compelling them to submit by threats of having them turned out of their places; several have been turned out, without orders from the King or Lord Chamberlain. In 1663, they played to the Queen's dancing on her birthday, and asked Lord Chesterfield to speak for their accustomed fees; the Queen's treasurer told her Majesty that they had received great sums already, about 230*l.*; Mr. Banister had kept it all, and they would never have known of it had they not spoken. When the Queen knew this, she was very angry. Banister also kept 20*l.* out of 50*l.* which the Queen gave them at Bath, 4*l.* out of 10*l.* given by a person of honour, the whole of 20*l.* given by the Duke of Buckingham, and most of the Queen's last birthday fee of 10*l.* They request Lord [Arlington] to order the caveat to be taken off, that the seal may pass, and are willing to answer any objection that Banister may make.

March 29. 63. John Clarke to James Hicke. Four frigates have arrived
Plymouth. from Portsmouth, and are still in port, with four others belonging to the Plymouth station.

March 29. 64. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

March 29. 65. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Arrival of frigates. The As-
Plymouth. sistance has convoyed some vessels laden with ammunition for Plymouth fort, and several ships bound for Ireland and Bristol. A caper has taken two ships near Land's End, and driven several others into Mount's Bay, and the frigates lie in harbour, expecting orders where to cruise.

March 29. 66. Dr. Jo. Croftes to Williamson. Begs a post warrant from Lord Arlington for horses to Bury St. Edmund's; has heard of his father's dangerous illness, and obtained leave from the Archbishop of Canterbury to leave town, but his own horses are not yet come.

March 29. 67. Commission to 35 persons, including the chief officers of state and numerous merchants, &c., of London, to survey the site of the late Custom House, and the open places adjoining, and appoint such and so many open places to be quays or wharfs for landing of merchandise as shall seem fittest for the purpose, settling their

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dimensions, and the number and quality of the cranes to be built on them, and appointing the limits and extent of the port of London; they are to certify their proceedings into the Court of Exchequer. The commission is granted by virtue of an Act of 1 Elizabeth, whereby no goods are permitted to be landed in any port in England or Wales, except on quays or wharfs to be appointed by the Queen's Commissioners; also by virtue of an Act 14 Charles II., for regulating abuses in customs, empowering the King to grant commissions to appoint further landing places, and to fix the limits of those already used, and is rendered needful by the mutation of quays, cranes, wharfs, &c., since the late fire of London. [*Copy, 7 pages.*]

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Totness.

68. Chr. Maynard to Sir Thos Clifford, comptroller of the household. Is anxious to obtain a passport for a vessel of 40 tons, to transport some canvas, paper, &c., which he has had in France since the beginning of the war; has now a passport from the French King for it. Pleads his losses in the war, and fears greater losses, because the governor of Barbadoes has stopped all the merchant ships, and keeps the men and the best ships for the King's service, and he expects one of his will be taken, which has 16 guns, but may carry 22.

March 29.
Minehead.

69. John Maurice to Williamson. The nine prisoners taken on suspicion at Stowgussy and sent to Ilchester are remanded to next Taunton assizes, in hopes of more evidence against them, most of them being Londoners. Lord Chief Justice Kelynge differed with the grand jury at the assizes, about finding a bill against a countryman for accidentally killing a child; the foreman had some hot words with Sir Hugh Wyndham, and fined him and some of the others, binding them over to appear at London next term.

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Whitehall.

70. Order in Council,—on the petition of Du Gravier that certain French prisoners sent from the Barbadoes by the late Lord Willoughby might be set at liberty to return to France,—that the papers transmitted to Lord Arlington about them be looked out, and then the case further considered.

[March 29.]
[Whitehall.]

71. Proclamation, at request of the merchants and clothiers, prolonging the time for the free export of woollen manufactures from 25 December last to 25 December next, though without lessening the authority of the Merchant Adventurers' charter.

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Entry of the above. [*Printed, Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 242.*]

March 29.

Privy seal for paying an additional allowance of 5s. a day to Capt. Edward Strange, captain of Hurst Castle, for his better support, and for fire, candle, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 423.*]

March 29.

Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain to swear John Lord Bellasyse captain of the band of pensioners, in place of Thos. Earl of Cleveland, deceased. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 423.*]

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- March 29. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to raise moneys on interest on the tallies for 20,000*l.* granted them from the 11 months' tax, for continuing the repairs of certain fortifications. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 423.*]
- March 29. Warrant to pay up to the Earl of Norwich the arrears due on his father's pension out of the hearth money, as a former order for payment of part of the same cannot be regularly complied with. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 424.*]
- [March 29.] 72. Draft of the above.
- March 29. 73. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends accounts. A vessel is arrived, Dover. the contents of which have been received into store. Victualling of ships named. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]
- March 29. 74. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has shown the Commissioners of Prizes the order for delivery of the canvas out of the Liefde of Stralsund, and to-morrow is appointed for the appraise-ment. Shall disburse for the charges, though very much strait-ened for money, having received no benefit by their order for the 2,500*l.* out of the Poll Act. The tradesmen and carpenters are very much discouraged in their proceedings on the ships, which will be the longer dispatching for want of money. The collector of customs ex-pects one entry, and the duty to be paid at Plymouth, unless they send an order from the farmers [of customs,] which will save 50*l.* Much of the whale oil is shipped for London and Bristol, but 50 or 60 tons remain, from which they can be supplied at 24*l.* per ton, which will be about 40*s.* profit to the buyer, he paying the customs and other charges; the owners will expect ready money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 30. 75. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of ships named; Plymouth. is not satisfied with the officers' demands of stores, though they bring the commanders and Mr. Waltham's hands to them; they pretend to want what he conceives cannot be spent in port in so short a time. Asks orders in case of demands by ships coming directly from other ports; also a speedy answer as to the whale oil, or it will be shipped for Bristol and London. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 30. 76. W. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Has provided two masts of the same scantlings as those received from the stores for masting the Defiance; desires a warrant to the storekeeper at Deptford to receive them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March 30. 77. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends the account for vic- Plymouth. tualling ships for the month; they will be better by observance of the orders not to sign bills for necessary money, for want of certifi- cates from the surveyor where the ships last victualled. Has not sent his last bill of disbursements. It is hard that a man should spend his time and money in the service, and have to give His Majesty money towards the Poll Bill in reference to this office, and have nothing, not one penny nor pennyworth in a year and a half. Desires advice

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as to recovering the money due on three bills had from them, as the same labour that will recover them will recover others too. Begs two bills for the two quarters since past. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 78. Certificate by Sir Jer. Smith, that the hired ketch, John and Giles, set sail from the Tower wharf for Chatham, by his order, on the 22nd instant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 79. James Kimber, master of the St. Patrick, to the Navy Comrs. Was at great charge in going down to Portsmouth, to look after his ship, which was taken before her arrival at the port. Asks a warrant, as promised, for the master's place in the Providence, which will be ready to launch on Monday next. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 80. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The St. David was
Noon. Conpill. launched at 8 a.m., and is in very good condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 81. John Badcock to Sir Wm. Penn. Gives an account of the
Bristol. progress made in the ship building. Mr. Baylie says he cannot get the floor timber from the country, and lays the fault on the countrymen, who will not draw it to the water side. Would fain have him go on with the work a little faster. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 82. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been vic-
Ipswich. tualled since his last, and only one ordered a month's provision. The Tiger came into harbour with the loss of one of her masts. Three vessels have arrived from Lynn, laden with beef and pork, and three with wheat, peas, and malt, upon Squire Gauden's account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 83. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account from the clerk of the [cheque at Harwich of men run from the Pearl; as to the neglect of the carpenters, Comr. Middleton proposes that the wages of the ordinary ones on board ships shall be increased to 28s. or 30s., to encourage able men to serve, and to enable them to furnish tools. Comr. Middleton has sent an account of the embezzlements made by the boatswain of the York out of the Mars. Care should be taken to punish the persons found guilty. The Blackpost Horse galliot is under repair at Portsmouth, and is employed in fetching stones for the King's buildings. The charge of her repairs should not be paid out of the Navy, but from the King's works. Sends an order for three doggers at Harwich, which have been put to sea instead of ketches; one is to attend on Scilly. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

March 30. 84. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. They will see that
Edinburgh. death will not suffer Honest John to depart this world till he leaves a part of his second practices to be performed. In the beginning of the war, so little valued his own profit that his owners robbed him and ran away with ships and goods to Norway, and notwithstanding they kept him 30 years at law, he beat them out of the civil law, and now the Admiralty Judge there, having found the act so base a robbery and piracy, decreed against them. At Edinburgh he must

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be tossed in every lawyer's gown, as it were in a blanket, and after all be visited with the hand of sickness for 15 weeks; this is able to rob a poor man of a good full purse: will leave to his superiors to bestow what they please on him, but asks help as to what became due since the King came home in 1660; reminds them of their letter of 1665, promising to reward him; has no account from Mr. Lyell, but knows they will find moneys due to them that he has wagged away; these affairs are not fully known to him; must be satisfied to follow their honours' cloudy pillar till their pleasure be to reveal it. Desires them and the Court to praise God that there is an honest man restored from death to life. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. 85. Warrant for a grant to Wm. Earl of Craven, Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer, and Thos. Povey, of all houses, lands, implements for tapestry, &c., in Mortlake, Surrey, used for making tapestry by the late Sir Francis and Sir Rich. Crane, late in possession of Sir Sackville Crow, Bart., on rental of 5s.; and order to the heirs of Sir Rich. Crow to surrender and convey the same, free of all claims and demands. Endorsed with a note from Sir Phil. Warwick to the Attorney General that the King's title being weak, and this grant made for setting up a manufacture, the Lord Treasurer is not dissatisfied with it. [*Draft, 10 sheets.*]

March 30. 86. Rob. Mein to [Williamson]. Three of the King's ships have
Edinburgh. come up, in attendance on the provision vessels for the northward ships. Two more prizes are taken. If the Scotch privateers flourish as they did last year, the people will be made up; wine was sold at 8*l.* sterling the tun. John Home, of Kelly, a Scotch traitor, is sent from London to get the reward of his deeds.

March 30. 87. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Another fleet of colliers is
Newcastle. expected, but is detained by the wind; a considerable fleet of them is gone for Sunderland.

March 30. 88. Sir J. Reresby to Williamson. Hopes his letter has convinced Lord Arlington of the injustice of the complaint against him about the game. Thinks Lord Strafford will have evinced this, as he much dislikes his mother-in-law's passionate proceeding in that matter. Hopes the new Lord Lieutenant, who is expected, will come soon; wants to pay devoirs to him and yet be in London by April 16, when he is summoned to give an account of the steel patent before the Solicitor General; desires the King's leave to come up for that intent.

March 30. 89. H. Muddiman to Sir Edw. Stradling. News-letter. Parti-
Whitehall. culars of suspected designs of the French against Barbadoes. Lord Burlington has taken the oath of Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire, before the King and Council. Lord Belasyse has succeeded the late Earl of Cleveland as captain of the band of pensioners. On complaint to Council of abuses offered to the King's officers in the collection of hearth-money, they have taken such effectual care for punishing offenders as may deter others from the

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like insolencies. The stores of tobacco in Virginia, Maryland, Carolina, and other places is so great that no more is to be planted for a year or two. A small privateer has sent into Dartmouth a Dutch fly-boat of 300 tons, laden with salt, taken in the river of Nantes. News from Poland and Hamburg; the Elbe is so frozen that people pass over it in sledges. Holland not having had advice yet of the King's choosing any other place for treaty than the Hague, hastens preparations, and 20 ships of war are gone to the Texel; they have sent to induce France to agree to any place but the Hague, and complain against the Swedish ambassadors in London for acting rather as judges than mediators, by withholding the letters which offered the choice of the Busse, Breda, and Maestricht as places of treaty. Several states are weary of the delay, and deny their quota towards a naval force, on the ground that they must keep up their land militia, not knowing whether Munster will trouble them, and also that they are jealous of Sweden, which has a powerful army near them. The Duke of Buckingham has been at Court. [3 pages.]

March 30. 90. John Lysle to Williamson. Several ships seen to the south-
West Cowes. west put the inhabitants to such alarm that if an enemy had suddenly approached, no resistance could have been made, as the fortifications lie open to the mercy of an enemy. Ammunition, &c., have been sent, but no forts fitted to put them in, except what Sir Hen. Jones's public spirit has brought to pass. Wishes all the gentry were as free to supply him as he to go forward, seeing they are extremely threatened by the French, and weak to oppose such enemies as are given to murder, rapine, and destruction. Still hopes speedy walls for defence, that the hearts of the vulgar may not languish.

March 30. 91. Silas Taylor to Williamson. After the launching of the
Harwich. Truelove, the people that were then in her crowded in a small boat to go back ashore, when the sea being high, the boat upset, and five or six of them, chiefly belonging to the yard, were drowned.

March 30. 92. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A Hamburger of 350 tons has
Deal. sailed westward, having entered her goods as bound for the West Indies and to England.

March 30. 93. John Bower to James Hickes. Departure of the great fleet
Bridlington. of light colliers. Thanks for the Gazette and papers. Prays for the success of the treaty, if it go forward.

March 30. 94. Note by Thos. Kippes that the grant to Capt. Edw. Strange of the command of Hurst Castle bears date July 31, 1660, and the additional allowance was to commence March 25, 1661.

March 30. Reference to the Lord Chamberlain of the Household on the petition of Banister representing the complaints made of him by the band of violins; ordering meanwhile stay of M. Grabu's privy seal as to the point of arrears. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 248.*]

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March 31. 95. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Three vessels have come in
 Portsmouth. to refit. The garrison fortifications will be concluded in a few
 weeks. The dock is to be fortified.

March 31. 96. M. Scott to Williamson. A merchant ship from London,
 Berwick. which sailed with the Newcastle fleet, reports that they saw no
 enemy. Three of the King's men-of-war have sailed by, with nine
 ships bound for Scotland. Capt. Widdrington, deputy governor,
 brother of Lord Widdrington, has arrived.

March 31. 97. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. A passenger shallop from
 Falmouth. Scilly was chased and shot at off Scilly by a man-of-war, which so
 frightened a woman with child that her child was born in the boat.
 The man-of-war had two prizes with him. Men-of-war are daily
 seen round Scilly. Another chased a vessel near Falmouth, and
 though she ran ashore, took her, but the men got away, except the
 master, who had stayed in hopes of saving his vessel. A Yarmouth
 vessel has also been taken, but the same man-of-war is said to be
 taken by our men-of-war. The Adventure has brought in three
 vessels bound for Bristol, laden with rigging and guns.

March 31. 98. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Has had nothing worth
 Hull. writing about. Two pickeroons have taken a collier at the mouth
 of the Humber.

March ? 99. Petition of Thos. Beckford, slopseller, to Lord Admiral the
 Duke of York, for relief; there is above 30,000*l.* due to him for
 clothes supplied to the Navy, for which he has bills for 20,000*l.*
 unsatisfied, although promised money as ships were paid off; 8,000*l.*
 has been stopped for him, which he cannot receive; in lieu of part
 of it, Sir George Carteret gives two imprest bills for 3,000*l.* each,
 charged on the Poll Bill, with the right to collect the amount, but
 the poll-money does not amount to so much as will satisfy the great
 number of bills drawn on it. Considerable sums are due from him
 to widows for their husbands' clothes, which he cannot satisfy, and
 their necessities have made them as clamorous as their condition is
 sad and deplorable. Is ruined in credit, and unable to give the
 fleet further supplies, for want of his money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March ? 100. Petition of Henry Phillpott to the King, for a lease for 60
 years of certain lands, in recompense for his losses and sufferings;
 he petitioned for the fee-farm thereof, but the Lord Treasurer does
 not think it proper for any land to be granted in fee-farm.

March ? 101. Petition of Capt. Thos. Cheeke and Sir Edw. Scott to the
 King, to permit them to continue in possession of the colours of the
 last two of the 12 companies forming the guard for the royal
 person, although in the late distribution of new colours they are
 put into one of the 12 companies in garrison, whom they preceded
 before: arguments and precedents in favour of their claim.

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March? 102. Petition of nine Messengers in Ordinary of the Chamber to the King, for payment of 215*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, their disbursements in post journeys, &c., by command of the Secretaries of State; the Lord Treasurer, though ordered to pay them a year out of their 3½ years' arrears due at Christmas last, says they cannot be paid for a year.

March? 103. Similar petition to Lord Arlington for his influence to obtain the said payment.

March? 104. Petition of Windsor Sandys to the King, for purchase of the prize-ship City of Dantzic of Hoorn; the first ship granted him was sold before to another, and the second, the Island of Walcheren, was in so bad a condition as not to be fit for service. Has agreed to furnish plank for the contractors for the King's store yards. *Annexing,*

104. I. *Inventory and appraisement of the Island of Walcheren prize.* Falmouth, Feb. 26, 1667.

104. II. *Sir John Knight and three others to the Commissioners of the Prizes. The value of the Island of Walcheren prize, which they are ordered to sell to Windsor Sandys, is 239*l.* 18*s.*, but as she wants masts, cables, &c., which cannot be supplied there, none being in store, and is unfit for service, he refuses to take her; she now lies a wreck at Falmouth.*

Prize Office, Plymouth, March 15, 1667.

March? 105. Warrant for an order for sale to Windsor Sandys of the ship City of Dantzic, for carriage of timber and plank for the Navy, the grant of Feb. 1, 1667 of the Island of Walcheren proving unavailing, the ship being so damaged as to be unfit for sea.

March. Warrant to pay to Sir James Bunce 5,776*l.*, for moneys expended and services done to the King when beyond seas. [*Docquet.*]

March. Warrant to repay to Capt. George Wharton 858*l.* 5*s.*, expended by him in pulling down the houses about the Tower. [*Docquet.*]

March. Grant to Henry Harris of the office of Keeper of the King's vesture, &c., of masques, revels and disguisings, and trappers of horses for jousts and tourneys; fee 6*d.* a day from 1660, and also a mansion-house for keeping the said apparel in. [*Docquet.*]

March. Grant to Algernon Peyton, of Doddington, Isle of Ely, of the dignity of a baronet, with the usual discharge. [*Docquet.*]

March. Grant to Roger Martin, of Long Melford, co. Suffolk, of the dignity of a baronet, with the usual discharge. [*Docquet.*]

March. Warrant to pay to Col. John Lane 2,000*l.*, as a free gift for services to the late and present Kings. [*Docquet.*]

March. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 20,300*l.*, for defence of the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Scilly, and Isle of Wight; also 10,000*l.* towards payment of the Scotch regiment, under command of Lord

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Douglas; to be paid according to directions of the Lord General.
[*Docquet.*]

March.

Warrant to pay to Denzil Lord Holles, late ambassador extraordinary to the French King, 2,201*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*, for expenses in his embassy. [*Docquet, bis.*]

March.

Warrant to allow to Lord Townshend, out of the rent of 1,000*l.* a year payable on his lease of 4*s.* in the chaldron on the duties on sea coal, of the moiety of forfeitures arising on any grant for non-payment of duties, false entries, or forfeited bonds. [*Docquet.*]

March.
Whitehall.

106. Post-warrant from Lord Arlington, for John Mercer to have one able horse from London to Dover.

March.
Whitehall.

107. Warrant [from Lord Arlington] to Wm. Ryley, sen. and jun., clerks of the Tower records, to search the foreign rolls and records in the Tower, and make notes or transcripts, if required, of such treaties of peace as have been acted between the Kings of England and other princes or states. [*Copy.*]

March.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Note that in the Act of 1666 for encouraging coinage, all moneys arising on that Act are to be kept apart, and issued by the under worker of the Mint, for the uses expressed in the Act.

Grant of pardon to Backwell, the old treasurer of prize goods.

Grant to the yeomen pricklers of the buckhounds of 2*s.* a day, and 20*s.* out of the chamber for a winter livery.

Grant to Hum. Morice, Wm. Godolphin, and Rich. Lightfoot, of auditorships in reversion.

Grant to Sackville Whittle of the office of Surgeon in ordinary, in place of Th. Woodall; fee, 40*l.* a year.

Grant to James, son of Thos. Howard, and to Charlotte his wife, of a pension of 500*l.* a year, on surrender of the said pension by Walbrook, wife of Thos. Howard.

Grant to Owen Haning, in reversion after Jo. Dawson, of the Customer's place, at Sandwich.

Grant to John Wilkinson of the place of Locksmith of the Household, fee, 12*d.* a day from the privy chamber, and such other allowances as are payable by the surveyor and comptroller of the works.

Grant to the Commissioners for managing the excise of 2*d.* in the pound on their receipts.

Grant to the yeoman of the toils of 12*d.* a day out of the chamber, and 40*s.* for a livery. [*Dom. Corresp., Jan. 1667, Vol. CLXXXIX., No. 129.*]

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March ? 108. The King to the Duke of York. It is feared that the merchants' ships which should have been used as convoys can scarcely be provided in time enough for this summer ; if this be the case, such men-of-war as are needful should be provided.
- March.
Whitehall. 109. The King to George Jolly. Understands that by virtue of a patent granted him, he is presuming to set up a playhouse, though several times commanded to the contrary. Orders him to deliver the patent into the hands of a principal Secretary of State, there to remain till his further pleasure. Noted "Jolly's patent revoked."
- March ? 110. ——— to Lord [Arlington]. Being left at Plymouth by Lord Byron, informs him that the prize ships in Plymouth are the St. John Evangelist of Amsterdam and the St. Peter of Rotterdam, which were brought in about March 16, by the ships under Capt. Utbert's command. Cannot give particulars of them yet; the latter is much plundered.
- March. 111. John Earle, captain, and Wm. Browne, surgeon of the Nightingale, to Mr. Hayter. Ask for a bill to the Hall for John Richardson to be surgeon of the ship, in place of the said Wm. Browne. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March.
Tuesday,
8 A.M.
Camberwell. 112. R. Waith to Mr. Hayter. Asks him to acquaint Mr. Pepys that Messrs. Burroughs and Poynter did not come down about the books, as requested, and Sir George Carteret sent a messenger to know if they were there, and is much concerned about making up the books. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March ? 113. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Desires 10 dozen of oars and provisions of all sorts for the fire-ships. Hopes Mr. Solyman is coming down with more money, and a list of what he has paid ; asks whether the men be on board who have received their money. Graplins have been allowed to all their boats, but not a graplin rope to the whole fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March ? 114. Robt. Bayly to Major Warcup, Drury Lane. The bearer has brought a discharge for six of the Frenchmen ; knows not their quality not having the list ; asks orders. With notes of expenses incurred relative to the same ; total, 20*l.* 19*s.*
- March ? 115. Account of sails, rigging, anchors, and cables required for 14 fire-ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- March.
Portsmouth. 116. Account by Gr. Peachy of hemp received into the stores from ships and persons named, between 8 and 18 March 1667, amounting to 91 tons 19 cwt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March? 117. Request by Thomas Seaward, merchant of London, for a pass for his ship, the St. Peter of Calais, to import some linen and paper from France, having failed to bring in all his effects earlier. Has procured a licence from the French King, and given security to the Farmers of Customs, according to an order of Council of 7 February last.

March. 118. Order from Mr. Salesbury to deliver to Abraham Langford, Lord Willoughby's commissary, certain stores for transporting soldiers for Barbadoes; dated Portsmouth, Feb. 25. With note [by Comr. Middleton] of their delivery.

March? 119. Alphabetical list [by Rob. Francis?] of correspondents, marking the time when they began, ranging between 27 March and 8 Nov. 1666; what they are to pay, viz., 2*l.* or 4*l.* yearly, and what they have paid thereon. [3 pages.]

March. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of receipt, and dispatch of the mail, &c., viz. :—

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mail.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
120.	March 13	1	0	S.E.	1 P.M.	3 P.M.	Hopes the weather will break that the mail may pass.
121.	14	1	0	S.E.	12 Noon	4 P.M.	A French ship has passed, bringing a present of linen from the French King to our King. An Ostender ran ashore on Goodwin Sands.
122.	15	1	0	S.E.	10 A.M.	4 P.M.	
123.	16	1	0	S.E.	15th, 10 P.M.	4 P.M.	
124.	17	1	0	N.E.	10 A.M.	4 P.M.	Two or three Ostenders are in the Downs.
125.	18	1	0	S.E.	11 A.M.	4 P.M.	
126.	19	1	0	N.W.	None.	4 P.M.	
127.	20	1	0	S.W.	19th, 4 P.M.	4 P.M.	
128.	21	1	1	—	20th, 5 P.M.	4 P.M.	
129.	22	7	5	—	5 P.M.	7 P.M.	Capt. O'Bryen of the Advice has passed through, and will take the charge of those merchantmen which the Sorlings cannot take, because the neap tides prevent her coming in.
130.	23	7	4	S.W.	22nd, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
131.	24	1	1	S.E.	23rd, 10 P.M.	5 P.M.	
132.	25	1	1	S.E.	24th, 9 P.M.	5 P.M.	
133.	26	1	1	N.	None.	5 P.M.	
134.	27	1	1	N.E.	26th, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	
135.	28	1	1	N.E.	27th, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	
136.	29	1	1	N.E.	28th, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	

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